

31-33 WEEKS GESTATION

Parent Train-to-Home leaflet

These are some questions to ask the staff to help you to understand your baby's progress and needs.

Baby's name



	BREATHING	FEEDING	GROWTH	TEMPERATURE	SLEEPING	How can I help?
WEEK 1	Does my baby need help with breathing? How can I tell? What are desat's, brady's, and apnoeas? (sometimes called ABC's) How can I help my baby with breathing? What position makes my baby's breathing easiest and why? How can I tell when my baby's breathing is getting better?	How can I feed my baby? What happens if my baby cannot have milk to start with? What are the advantages of breast milk? How can I express my milk? How and where do I store my expressed milk? Why is my baby fed through a tube? Can I help with tube feeding? Would it help to suck a dummy when they are having tube feeds? Have I seen a breastfeeding advisor yet? When can I have a kangaroo care cuddle with my baby? When will my baby be able to suck and swallow milk? How long can I store my breast milk for?	Why is my baby weighed and measured? Can I see my baby's growth chart? What do the lines on the growth chart mean? How often will my baby be weighed? Why will my baby's weight go down before it goes up? Why is head circumference important? How can I help my baby's growth?	Mum and Dad - have you both had a cuddle with your baby? How can I keep my baby warm when I am touching them? Is my baby warm enough under phototherapy lights? What about skin to skin / kangaroo care? How do I know my baby is warm enough? Can we bring in our own clothes for our baby?	Why does my baby sleep a lot of the time? Why does my baby not know day and night? Why do the staff disturb my baby when they are sleeping? How can I help my baby to sleep?	



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WEEK 2	How is my baby now? Maybe needing some oxygen?	Is my baby ready to suck and swallow milk yet? How will I know when my baby can suck and swallow milk? How am I doing with expressing my milk and tube feeding? How can I help encourage my baby's sucking when tube feeding? Will kangaroo care positioning help?	Do we have 'weigh' days? Have I been shown my baby's 'Red Book'? Why does my baby have vitamins? How is my baby doing?	Is the incubator temperature being turned down? How do I know when my baby can move to a cot or hot cot? How often can we do kangaroo care?	How do I know when my baby needs to sleep? Does my baby have a sleep cycle and what does it mean? When should my baby only sleep on the back? Can I read a bedtime story to my baby?	
WEEK 3 ONWARDS	How will I know if my baby is poorly at home? For example, coughs and colds.	What happens if I want to breastfeed but cannot be here? What is cup feeding? Have I seen the breastfeeding advisor again?	How do I get the medicines to go home? Have I been shown how to give my baby the vitamins and iron? How is my baby doing?	How do I tell if my baby is too hot or cold? Why should I feel the temperature by their chest not their hands or feet? How do I keep my baby warm at home? Ask about clothes, blankets, room temperatures and going out. When my baby goes home, when should they wear a hat?	Why should my baby be positioned 'feet-to-foot' when in a cot? When my baby comes home, can they share my bedroom? What about my bed? What if I smoke? Is there a leaflet to take home?	

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