Baby's name

Parent Train-to-Home leaflet

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



	BREATHING	FEEDING	GROWTH	TEMPERATURE	SLEEPING	How can I help?
WEK1	Does my baby need help with breathing? 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? Does my baby still need help with breathing? How can I tell?	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? When can I have a kangaroo care cuddle with my baby? When will my baby be able to suck and swallow milk?	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?	Mum and Dad - have you both had a cuddle with your baby? How can I keep my baby warm when I am touching them? What about skin to skin / kangaroo care? How do I know my baby is warm enough? Is my baby warm enough under phototherapy lights?	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? Why do we cover the incubator?	
WEEK 2	How is my baby now? Maybe needing some oxygen? How can I tell when my baby's breathing is getting better?	What happens if my baby does not tolerate feeds? How am I doing with expressing my milk? Have I seen a breastfeeding advisor yet? How long can I store my breast milk for?	Do we have 'weigh' days? Why is my baby weighed so often? How is my baby doing?	Is the incubator temperature being turned down? Can we bring in our own clothes for our baby?	How do I know when my baby needs to sleep? Does my baby have a sleep cycle and what does it mean? Can I read a bedtime story to my baby?	

27-30 WEEKS GESTATION



	BREATHING	FEEDING	GROWTH	TEMPERATURE	SLEEPING	How can I help?
WEEK 3	What help does my baby need now with breathing? How can I tell when my baby's breathing is getting better?	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?	When will my baby's head circumference and length be measured? What does the growth chart tell me now? How is my baby doing?	How often can we do kangaroo care? How do I know when my baby can move to a cot or hot cot?	When should my baby only sleep on the back? Why should my baby be positioned 'feet-to-foot' when in a cot?	
WEEK 4	Is my baby likely to need oxygen at home?	Is my baby ready to suck and swallow milk yet? How will I know when my baby can suck and swallow milk?	Why does my baby have vitamins? Have I been shown my baby's 'Red Book'?	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?	Is my baby able to spend more time awake now?	
WEEK 5	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 been shown how to give my baby the vitamins and iron? Will my baby need vitamins at home? For how long?	How do I keep my baby warm at home? (Ask about clothes, blankets, room temperatures and going out).	Is my baby sleeping more at night than in the daytime?	
WEEK 6/7	Will I stay overnight with my baby in hospital?	Who can help me with feeding when my baby comes home?	How do I get the medicines to go home?	When my baby goes home, when should they wear a hat?	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?	