

# **Hospital Breastfeeding Numbers to Meet Accreditation Requirements:**

**How to Achieve and Measure!**

**SC Birth Outcomes Initiative  
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# OBJECTIVES

- **Identify Joint Commission PC05 definitions and best practice to achieve documentation requirements**
- **Determine the rationale for hospital accreditation effort to increase hospital breastfeeding rates.**
- **Identify methods to improve hospital breastfeeding rates**

# AGENDA

- I. **Current hospital accreditation requirements for breastfeeding outcomes**  
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- II. **Why hospital accreditation organizations measure breastfeeding outcomes**  
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- III. **Methods to improve and measure hospital breastfeeding rates**  
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- IV. **Q & A**
  
- V. **Survey**



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# Defining the Current Hospital Accreditation Requirements for Breastfeeding Outcomes

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# Breastfeeding Rates: United States vs. South Carolina

	United States*	South Carolina*	Healthy People 2020 Target
Ever Breastfed	79.2%	73.4%	81.9%
Breastfeeding at 6 months	49.4%	37.4%	60.6%
Breastfeeding at 12 months	26.7%	14%	34.1%
Exclusive Breastfeeding at 3 months	40.7%	32%	46.2%
Exclusive Breastfeeding at 6 months	18.8%	13.4%	25.5%

\*CDC Breastfeeding Report Card, 2014

# Perinatal Care (PC) Core Measure Set

PC-01 Elective Delivery

PC-02 Cesarean Section

PC-03 Antenatal Steroids

PC-04 Health Care-Associated Bloodstream Infections in Newborns

PC-05 Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding

- Effective **January 1, 2016**, all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals with 300 or more births per year will be required to collect data and report on all five measures in the PC core measure set

# Changes to Breast Milk Feeding Performance Measures PC-05a and PC-5

**PC-05a:** Exclusive breast milk feeding considering mother's initial feeding plan – **Retired** October 1, 2015

**PC-05:** Exclusive breast milk feeding during the newborn's entire hospitalization – **Revised** October 1, 2015

- Maternal medical conditions are no longer excluded
- Will continue to be an accountability measure reported on The Joint Commission's Quality Check®
- Will not be included in the Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®
- Achievable target for hospital to strive to achieve = **70%**

## PC-05: Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding

Reported as an overall rate which includes all newborns that were exclusively fed breast milk during the entire hospitalization

- **Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding** – A newborn receiving only breast milk and no other liquids or solids except for drops or syrups consisting of vitamins, minerals, or medicines

$$\text{Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding} = \frac{\text{Newborns that were fed breast milk only since birth}}{\text{Single term newborns discharged alive from the hospital}}$$

# Numerator

*“Newborns that were fed breast milk only since birth”*

Included Populations	Excluded Populations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Not applicable</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ None</li></ul>

Data Elements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding</li></ul>

# Denominator

*“Single term newborns discharged alive from the hospital”*

Included Populations	Excluded Populations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>CD-10-CM Principal Diagnosis Code for single liveborn newborn</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Admitted to the NICU</li> <li>▪ Other Diagnosis Code for Galactosemia</li> <li>▪ Principle or Other Procedure Code for parenteral nutrition</li> <li>▪ Experienced Death</li> <li>▪ LOS &gt; 120 days</li> <li>▪ Enrolled in clinical trials</li> <li>▪ Patients transferred to another hospital</li> <li>▪ Patients not term or &lt; 37 weeks gestation</li> </ul>

# Denominator

*“Single term newborns discharged alive from the hospital”*

## Data Elements

- Admission Date
- Admission to NICU
- Birthdate
- Clinical Trial
- Discharge Date
- Discharge Disposition
- Principal and Other Diagnosis Codes
- Principal and Other Procedure Codes
- Term Newborn

# Data Collection

## Retrospective Data

- Administrative data
- Medical records

## Data Accuracy

- Evaluate coding practices to ensure consistency

## Data Sampling

- Yes – For additional information, refer to “Sampling Section” in the *Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures*  
<https://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2015B/SamplingChapterTJC.html>

## Data Reported as

- An aggregate rate generated from count data reported as a **proportion**

# Best Practice for Documentation

Review your current documentation practices:

- *Are all data elements documented?*

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# Best Practice for Documentation

Review your current documentation practices:

- *Are data elements documented in acceptable sources?*

Acceptable Data Sources:

- Discharge summary
- Feeding flow sheets
- Individual treatment plans
- Intake and output sheets
- Nursing notes
- Physician progress notes

# Best Practice for Documentation

Review your current documentation practices:

- *Accuracy of data collection on exclusive breast milk feeding at discharge?*

Modify existing charting to support accurate data collection:

- Be specific – Avoid the word “bottle” when referring to formula
- Central source for feeding documentation
- Provider orders – Encourage “exclusive breastfeed” or “breastfeeding contraindicated due to \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Contraindications to exclusively feed breast milk – Reasons to exclude the infant from the denominator

# Best Practice for Documentation

Review your current documentation practices:

- *How easy is it to extract data?*

Things to consider:

- Individual chart reviews or EHR reports?
- Documenting measures as ready-made options vs. free text

# Best Practice for Documentation

Consider adding tools that will help encourage and monitor other best practices related to infant feeding:

- Breastfeeding initiation
- Supplementation (i.e. administration, medical indication)
- Skin-to-skin contact
- Rooming-in
- Assistance with breastfeeding (i.e. LATCH score, positioning)
- Patient education topics (i.e. benefits of breastfeeding, manual expression, use of artificial nipples, negative aspects of formula)



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# Why Is Joint Commission Concerned About Breastfeeding Rates?

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# Is Breastfeeding Good for You?

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality report
  - 2007
- The United States Preventive Services Task Force report
  - 2008
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Breastfeeding report
  - 2012
- *Lancet* Series on Breastfeeding
  - <http://www.thelancet.com/series/breastfeeding>
  - 2016

# Short term benefits for the infant

DISEASE	ODDS RATIO	95% Confidence Interval
Otitis Media	<b>0.77</b>	0.64 – 0.91
Gastrointestinal Infections	<b>0.36</b>	0.32 – 0.41
SIDS	<b>0.64</b>	0.51 – 0.81

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DISEASE	ODDS RATIO	95% Confidence Interval
Lower Respiratory Infections (hospitalizations)	<b>0.28</b>	0.14 – 0.54
Upper Respiratory Infections (>6 months exclusive BF)	<b>0.3</b>	0.18-0.74
RSV bronchiolitis (> 4 months BF)	<b>0.26</b>	0.074-0.9

# Benefits of breastfeeding $\geq 6$ months

DISEASE	BREASTFEEDING DURATION	ODDS RATIO	95% CI
Recurrent otitis media	4 to < 6months	<b>1.95</b>	1.06-3.59
Lower respiratory tract infection	4 to < 6months	<b>4.27</b>	1.27-14.35

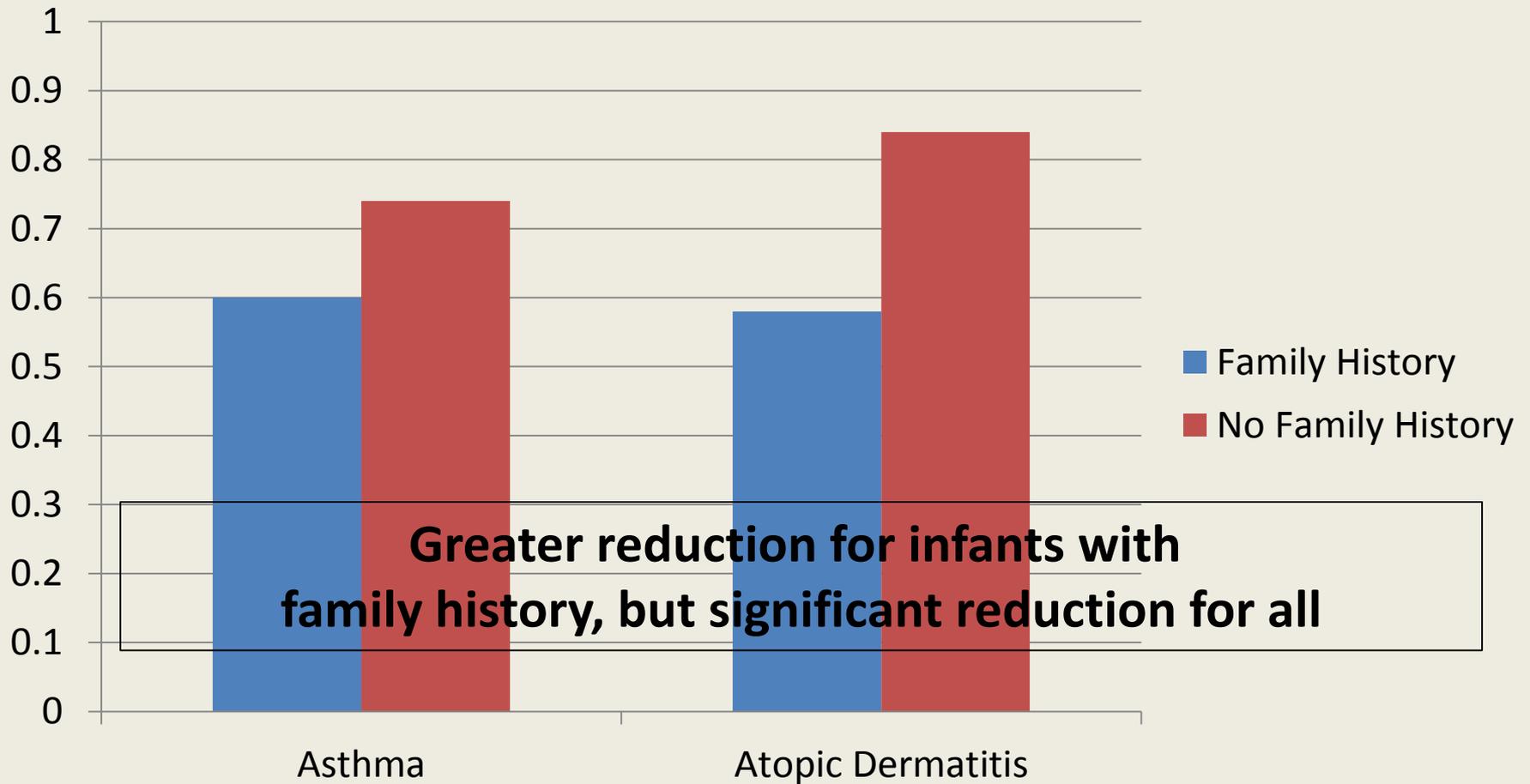
# Long term benefits for the infant

DISEASE	ODDS RATIO	95% CI
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (BF > 6mo)	<b>0.80</b>	0.71 - 0.91
Acute Myeloblastic Leukemia (BF >6mo )	<b>0.85</b>	0.73 - 0.98
Obesity (ever BF VS Never BF)	<b>0.76</b>	0.67 - 0.86
Type II Diabetes	<b>0.61</b>	0.44 - 0.85
Type I Diabetes (>3 months exclusive BF)	<b>0.71</b>	0.53-0.93

# Long term benefits for the infant

DISEASE	ODDS RATIO	95% CI
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	<b>0.69</b>	0.51-0.94
Celiac disease (>2 months BF)	<b>0.48</b>	0.4-0.89

# Reduction in Odds of Allergic Disease with Breastfeeding



# Women's Health Initiative Longitudinal Study

- 139,000 postmenopausal women
- Cumulative lactation history 12-23 months

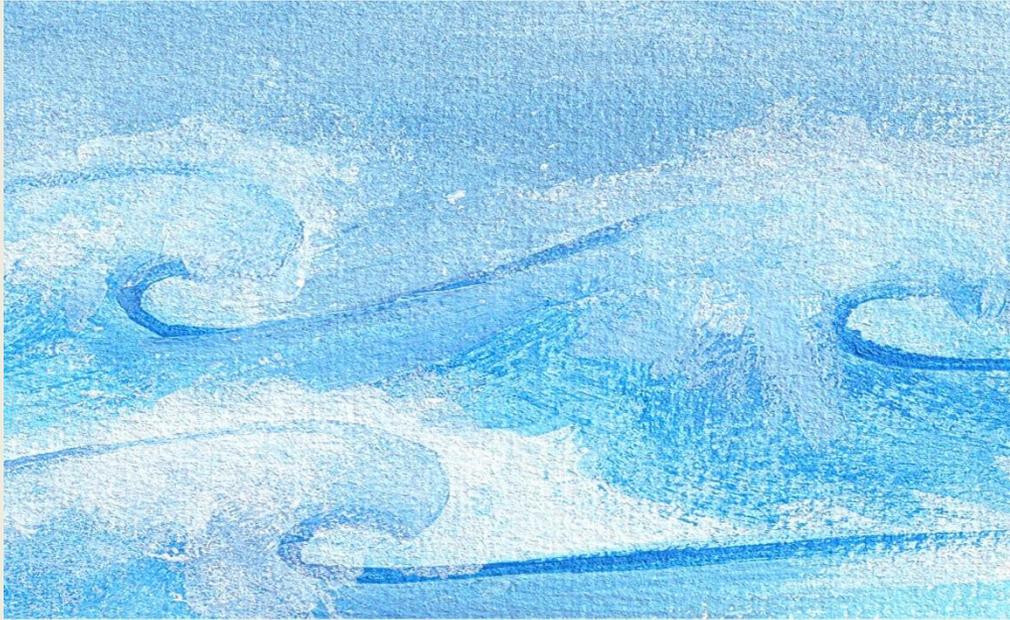
Disease	Odds Ratio	95% CI
Hypertension	0.89	0.84-0.93
Hyperlipidemia	0.81	0.76-0.87
Cardiovascular disease	0.9	0.86-0.96
Diabetes	0.74	0.65-0.84

# Cost of NOT Breastfeeding

- Financial
  - 302 billion annually
  - 0.49% of world gross national income
- Mortality
  - 823,000 annual deaths in children < 5 years
  - 20,000 annual deaths in women caused by breast cancer
- A 10% increased rate of breastfeeding in U.S. exclusively for 6 months or continued up to 1-2 years translates to 312 million reduction in childhood disorder treatment costs

In The Beginning...

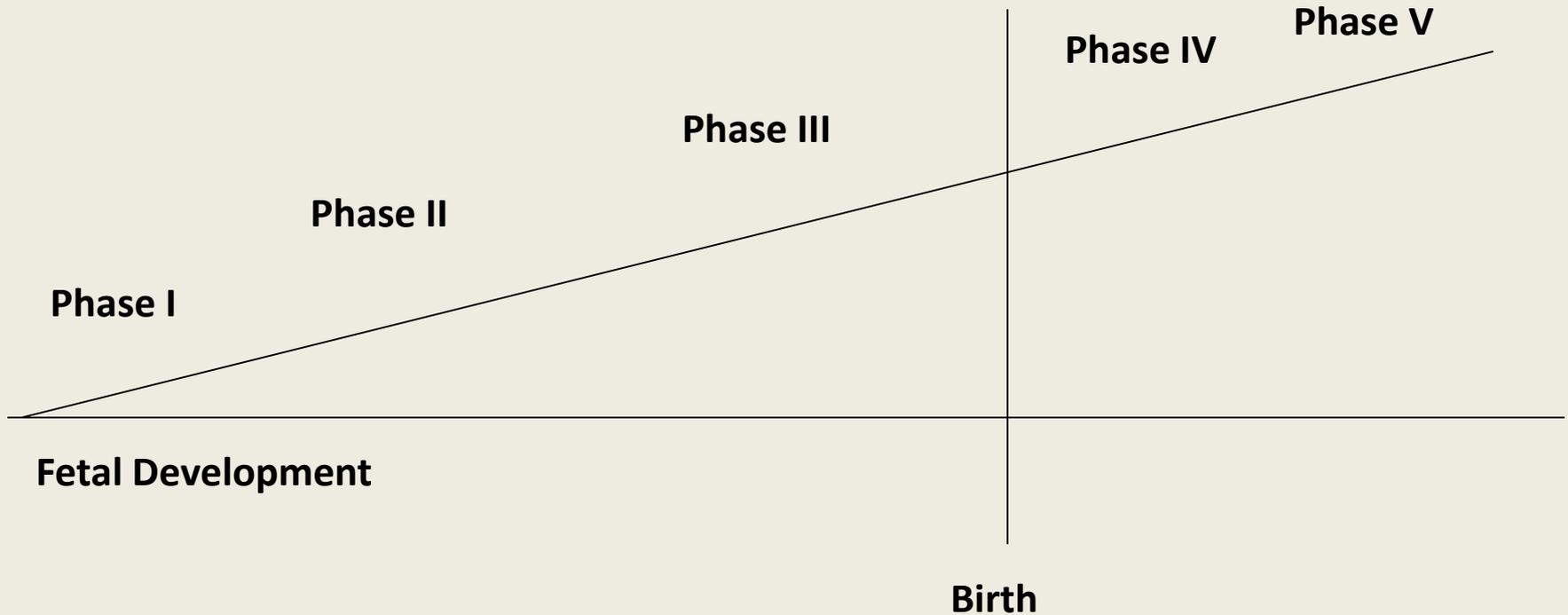
# In The Beginning...



## Amniotic Fluid

# Continuum of Gut Development and Maturation

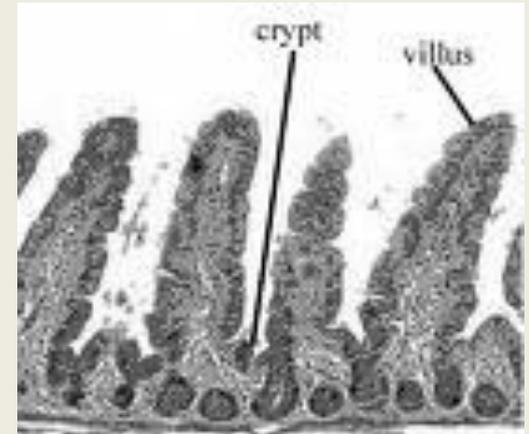
Amniotic Fluid  Human Milk



Adapted from Wagner CL et al; *Clinic Rev Allerg Immunol* 2008

# Human Milk

- Maturation of Intestinal Wall
  - Decreased intestinal permeability
    - Human milk dose-dependent
  - Stem cells in human milk
  - Intestinal cell maturation
    - Numerous growth factors
- Apoptosis (Programmed Cell Death)
  - Lactalbumin and HAMLET in human milk



# Human Milk and Immune Cells

- Initially, 1 billion white blood cells/ Liter
  - Hypofunctional activity
- By 6 months, epithelial cells predominate



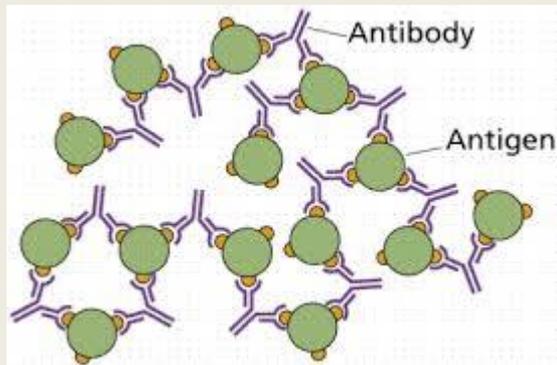
# Multifunctional Milk Components

- Example: Lactoferrin
  - Chelates free iron potentially for iron absorption
  - Removes unbound iron which bacteria need
  - Stimulates white blood cells to kill
  - Inhibits HIV, CMV, and herpes virus
  - Broad antibacterial activity



# The Immunosurveillance Balance

- Adaptive immune system (antibodies)
  - Maternal secretory Immunoglobulin A
    - 1 g/L mature milk and 12 g/L colostrum
    - Resistant to digestion
    - Accumulates in the GI tract (along mucous membranes)
    - Binds antigens on pathogens



Hanson L 1961; Uren TK et al 2005

# The Immunosurveillance Balance

- Innate Immune Function
  - **Immature intestinal immune cells**
    - Inflammatory and toxic cytokine release

## **Versus**

- **Human milk**
  - Anti-inflammatory cytokines
  - Antioxidants
  - Inhibition of pro-inflammatory process

# GI Balance of Inflammation

- Role of human milk important for avoiding
  - Necrotizing enterocolitis
  - Allergy
  - Infection
    - Infants with known immune immaturity that is replaced with human milk factors
- Just starting to elucidate the physiology and biochemistry of these processes

# Why So Difficult?

Breastfeeding is natural

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Breastfeeding is natural

Not in our unnatural environment

# Breastfeeding in 2016

- Mothers need specialized help
  - Medical conditions such as obesity, diabetes
  - Medical care such as epidural, C/section, meds
- We have to train ourselves and all mother/baby team members to support lactation
- Takes work

# Challenge to You

- “Our patients do not breastfeed”
- Are they educated on benefits to mother and baby early in pregnancy?
- Baby Friendly prenatal education and in-hospital support ENDS the disparity regarding breastfeeding education and expectations



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# Increasing Breastfeeding Rates in the Hospital Setting

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# Breastfeeding Education and Support

- Staff
- Patient

# Staff Education

- Hospital Staff
  - Importance of breastfeeding for mom and baby
  - How supplementation during the hospital stay can affect breastfeeding long term
  - How to assist the breastfeeding dyad

# Staff Education

- Methods
  - Formal vs. Informal
  - Cost

# Patient Education

- Prenatal
  - Benefits of breastfeeding
  - How to breastfeed
  - What to expect while breastfeeding

# Patient Education

- Methods
  - Printed material (free from advertising)
  - Verbal
  - Demonstration
  - Class vs. Individual



# Breastfeeding Your Baby



**OB Nurse Navigator**

## Sample Patient Education Handout

### How Breastfeeding Helps Moms

- » Burns up to 500 calories a day so it helps with post-baby weight loss
- » Provides protection from diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, breast and ovarian cancer

### How Breastfeeding Helps Babies

- » Decreases the chance of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- » Provides protection from conditions like obesity, diabetes, childhood leukemia, ear infections, allergies, gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses

### Why Only Breast Milk

- » Formula changes the normal bacteria of the gut and increases the chance of illness.
- » The bacteria that breast milk offers protects babies' intestines from disease.
- » Breast milk has everything the baby needs for the first six months!

# Patient Education

- In the hospital prior to delivery
  - Review benefits of breastfeeding
  - Review the risks of artificial supplementation

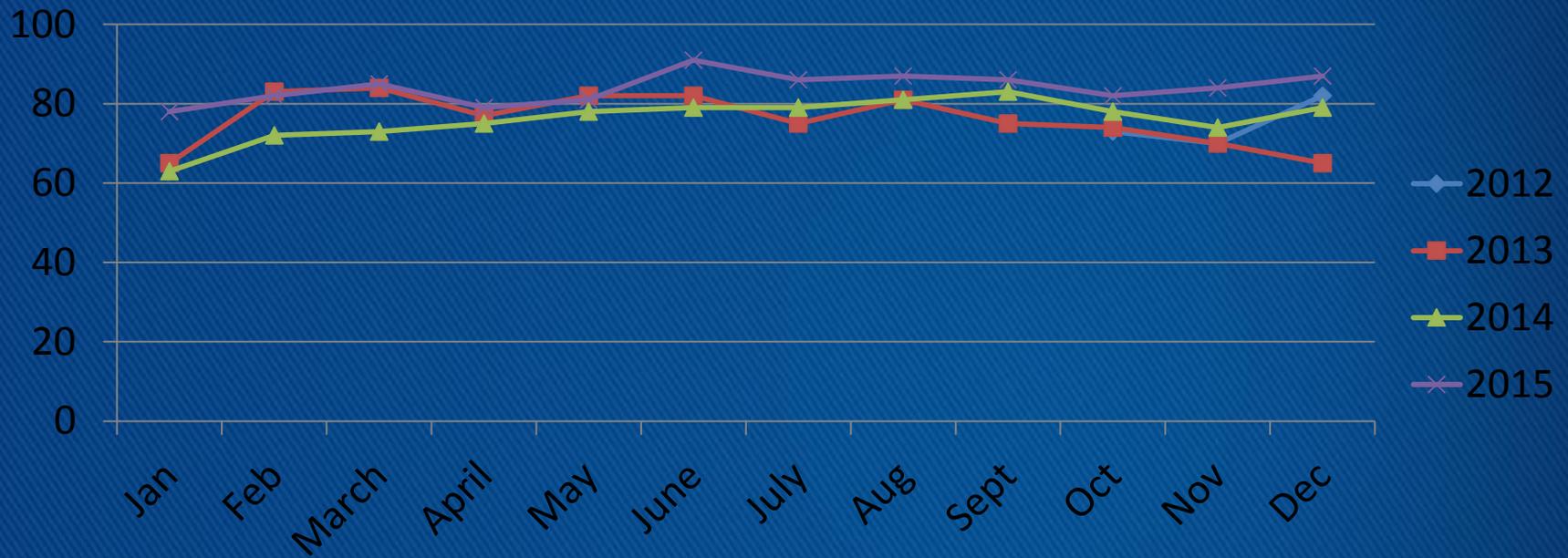
# Reinforce Breastfeeding Education



# Breastfeeding Support

- Support the breastfeeding family through common issues:
  - Sleepy Infant
  - Fussy Infant
  - Non-Latching Infant
  - Painful Latch/Feeding

# Breastfeeding Initiation Rates



# 10 Steps for Successful Breastfeeding

- Step 1 – Have a written policy that is routinely communicated to all health care staff
- Step 2 – Train all health care staff in the skills necessary to implement this policy
- Step 3 – Inform all pregnant women about the benefits and management of breastfeeding
- Step 4 – Help mothers initiate breastfeeding within 1 hour after birth
  - Now interpreted as Skin-to-Skin
- Step 5 – Show mothers how to breastfeed and how to maintain lactation even if they are separated from their infants

# 10 Steps for Successful Breastfeeding

- Step 6 – Give no food or drink other than breastmilk unless medically indicated
- Step 7 – Allow mothers and infants to remain together twenty four hours/day, regardless of feeding method
- Step 8 – Encourage feeding on demand
- Step 9 – Give no pacifiers or artificial nipples to breastfeeding infants
- Step 10 – Foster the establishment of breastfeeding support groups and refer mothers to them on discharge from the hospital or birth center

# Initiatives Supporting Breastfeeding

- Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
- Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative
- South Carolina Birth Outcomes Initiative

# Baby Friendly Showcase

February 24, 2016

Palmetto Health Richland

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**Questions?**

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