

CHECKLIST: MANAGEMENT OF THE SICK INFANT AGE LESS THAN 2 MONTHS



<p>CHECK FOR VERY SEVERE DISEASE AND LOCAL BACTERIAL INFECTION</p> <p>Has the infant had convulsions (fits)? Is the infant having difficulty feeding?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count the breaths in one minute. Repeat count if elevated. Fast breathing? • Look for severe chest indrawing. • Look and listen for grunting. • Fever (37.5° C or above)? • Low body temperature (35.5° C or below)? • Look at the infant's movements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the infant move only when stimulated? Does the infant not move even when stimulated? • Look at the umbilicus. Is it red or draining pus? • Look for skin pustules.
<p>THEN CHECK FOR JAUNDICE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for jaundice. • Look at the infant's palms and soles. Are they yellow?
<p>DOES THE INFANT HAVE DIARRHEA?</p> <p>For how long? Is there blood in the stools?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the infant's general condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the infant move only when stimulated? Does the infant not move even when stimulated? Is the infant restless or irritable? • Look for sunken eyes. • Pinch the skin of the abdomen. Does it go back: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very slowly (longer than 2 seconds)? Slowly?
<p>THEN CHECK FOR FEEDING PROBLEM OR LOW WEIGHT</p> <p>Is the infant breastfed? If yes, how many times in 24 hours? Does the infant usually receive any other food or drinks? If yes, how often?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine weight for age.
<p>If the infant has no indications to refer directly to hospital:</p>	
<p>ASSESS BREASTFEEDING:</p> <p>Has the infant breastfed in the past hour? If infant has not fed in the previous hour, ask the mother to put her infant to the breast. Observe the breastfeed for 4 minutes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the infant able to attach? To check for attachment, look for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mouth wide open. Lower lip turned outward. More areola above than below the mouth. Chin touching breast • Is the infant suckling effectively (slow, deep sucks, sometimes pausing)? • Look for ulcers or white patches in the mouth (thrush).
<p>CHECK IMMUNIZATION STATUS, ASSESS OTHER PROBLEMS, AND DETERMINE TO RETURN FOR FOLLOW-UP</p>	