Newborn Care Tips

- You may feel uneasy caring for your new baby at first.
- Newborns have many needs, like frequent feedings and diaper changes.
- Babies can have <u>health issues</u> that are different from older children and adults, like diaper rash and cradle cap.
- Your baby will go through many <u>changes</u> during the first year of life.
- Ask your health care provider for help if you need it.

The following resources are available to help you learn how to care for your baby:

- <u>Guide for First-Time Parents</u>(Nemours Foundation) Also available in <u>Spanish</u>
- JAMA Patient Page: Caring for a Newborn Baby(American Medical Association) - PDF
- <u>Baby Care 101(March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation)</u>
- Infant Health NIH (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development)
- Infants and Toddlers (Ages 0-3) Raising Healthy Children (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Please review the list of baby care topics below and check the ones you would like more information about.

□Bonding/Talking with Baby	□Feeding/Burping	□Spitting Up/Reflux
□ Bathing/Cord Care	Diapering/Genital Care	□ Skin/Rash Care
□Nail Care	□ Eye/Ear Care	□ Nose/Mouth Care
□ First Night @ Home	□Infant Reflexes	□Growth Spurts
□ Bedtime Habits/Sleep	□Baby's Cry	□Pacifiers
□ Head Care/Shaping	□Soft Spots/Sutures	□Exams/Vaccines
□ Baby Carrier/Sling	□Traveling with Baby	□ Safe Spaces
□Washing Baby Clothes	□ Animals & Baby	□When to Call Dr.

□ I feel confident at taking care of my baby and do not want more information.

Child's Name: HV's Initials:	
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Parent's Name:		Date:
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Resources: <u>http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/infantandnewborncare.html</u> Mkmrn 052511