

SKILLS AUDIT: BREAST FEEDING

Date:		Unit:	
Nurse/ Doctor assessed:			
Non-Compliant:	<80% compliance		
Compliant:	80-100% Compliance		

Equipment required:						
1. Real baby and mother/ manikin & assistant	2. KMC wrap/tie	3. Cap	4. Breast feeding observation tool			

Scena	ario			
State	: "You are allocated as the baby nurse in the post natal unit. There is a	new mo	ther with	a term baby, weighing 320
Intro	duce yourself, explain what you are going to do and assist the mother	to put bo	by to bred	ast."
NO.	INDICATOR	NC	С	Comment
Comr	nunicates with mother			
1.	Introduces herself			
2.	Asks how mother is and if she has any concerns			
3.	Explains that she will assist her with breast feeding			
Supp	orts mother in breastfeeding baby			
4.	Washes hands			
5.	Identifies baby-checks ID band information			
6.	Ensures mother is comfortable and supported in any position			
	mother chooses			
7.	Baby should not be crying			
8.	Assists/advises mother on how to position baby (baby's body &			
	head straight- supported by mothers whole arm & facing mother			
	with nose opposite nipple)			
9.	Mother cups breast in her palm with thumb above the nipple			
10.	Advises mother to touch her nipple to baby's lips to elicit rooting			
	reflex (baby opens mouth and turns towards nipple)			
Ask: '	"Please assess for/describe effective attachment (latching) and sucking	g"	•	
	ses attachment (Uses Breast feeding observation tool if necessary)			
11.	Baby's mouth is wide open and tongue is down			
12.	Baby takes nipple and areola into the mouth –with more areola			
	visible above the mouth than below			
13.	Baby's bottom lip is curled out and chin touching breast with nose			
	free			
14.	Clear jaw movement with slow deep sucks & pauses to breath			
15.	Mother is comfortable/pain free			
Ask: '	"Please support mother in ending breast feeding session."	•	•	
Supp	orts mother and baby post breast feeding			
16.	Breaks sucking seal by sliding finger into baby's mouth			
17.	Winds baby in between and after feed particularly if baby is sleepy			
	and tongue at top of the mouth with bluish tinge to lips			
18.	Gives feedback to mother regarding the breast feed			
19.	Secures baby in skin to skin position			
20.	Washes hands			
Ask: '	"How long and how often should baby breast feed"	1.0	•	•
21.	Baby empties the breast before moving to the other breast.			
22.	Baby should feed on demand. This may be as frequently as every			
	half hour-no longer than 3-4hrs.			
	Totals			
	Compliant total /22		1	
	Final Percentage X100 =		%	1

In Discussion with the Individual:						
Gaps Identified:						
Action Plan:						
Assessed by:						
Sign:		Print:		Desig:		