

# Advise when to return with the baby

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For maternal visits see schedule on **D28**.

### Routine postnatal contacts

	Return
<b>Postnatal visit</b>	First visit (at home) at 3 days Second visit at 7-14 days At age 6 weeks
<b>Immunization visit</b> (If BCG, OPV-0 and HB-1 given in the first week of life)	At age 6 weeks

### Follow-up visits

If the problem was:	Return in
Feeding difficulty	2 days
Red umbilicus	2 days
Skin infection	2 days
Eye infection	2 days
Thrush	2 days
Mother has either:	
→ breast engorgement or	2 days
→ mastitis.	2 days
Low birth weight, and either	
→ first week of life or	2 days
→ not adequately gaining weight	2 days
Low birth weight, and either	
→ older than 1 week or	7 days
→ gaining weight adequately	7 days
Orphan baby	14 days
INH prophylaxis	14 days
Treated for possible congenital syphilis	14 days
Mother HIV-infected	14 days

### Advise the mother to seek care for the baby

Use the counselling sheet to advise the mother when to seek care, or when to return, if the baby has any of these danger signs:

#### RETURN OR GO TO THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY IF THE BABY HAS

- difficulty breathing.
- convulsions.
- fever or feels cold.
- bleeding.
- diarrhoea.
- very small, just born.
- not feeding at all.

#### GO TO HEALTH CENTRE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IF THE BABY HAS

- difficulty feeding.
- pus from eyes.
- skin pustules.
- yellow skin.
- a cord stump which is red or draining pus.
- feeds <5 times in 24 hours.

### Refer baby urgently to hospital

- After emergency treatment, explain the need for referral to the mother/father.
- Organize safe transportation.
- Always send the mother with the baby, if possible.
- Send referral note with the baby.
- Inform the referral centre if possible by radio or telephone.

#### DURING TRANSPORTATION

- Keep the baby warm by skin-to-skin contact with mother or someone else.
- Cover the baby with a blanket and cover her/his head with a cap.
- Protect the baby from direct sunshine.
- Encourage breastfeeding during the journey.
- If the baby does not breastfeed and journey is more than 3 hours, consider giving expressed breast milk by cup **K6**.