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NEWBORN SERVICES
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TITLE: FEEDING ROUTINE - BOTTLE

PURPOSE: To outline procedure to provide oral feedings to the neonates of mothers who cannot or who choose not to breast feed.

<p>CONTENT:</p> <p>PROCEDURE STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The normal full-term infants are fed two hours after birth if not breast feeding per preprinted newborn nursery order.2. Initial feeding should be sterile water x 1.3. Premature and low-weight infants are fed according to physician's orders.4. Sick infants are fed per bottle or gavage (see protocol), or are kept NPO according to physician's orders.5. Normal newborns should be fed on demand, approximately q 3 - 4 hours. It is not necessary to wake the newborn during the night unless instructed by Pediatrician to do so.	<p>KEY POINTS:</p> <p>To assess suck and swallow. May give formula immediately after determining suck and swallow.</p> <p>Feeding time parameters are encouraged so parents encourage sleepy babies to maintain adequate caloric intake and blood sugar levels.</p>
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DOCUMENTATION: Type and amount of formula, time of feeding and retaining or emesis (including color and type) should be charted in computer. Observation of adequate suck and swallow should also be included.