



Postpartum Newborn Consent

Vitamin K is an essential component of blood clotting produced by intestinal bacteria. Babies normally have low levels of this vitamin. To prevent a serious bleeding problem called hemorrhagic disease of the newborn (HDN), most babies receive an injection of vitamin K in the upper thigh. This may be momentarily painful to the baby, but it does not seem to cause babies any pain afterwards. A oral does is also used but requires a multi-dose regimen.

- We accept oral vitamin K for our newborn at delivery. We know we are responsible for supplying it.
- We accept IM vitamin K to our newborn at delivery.
- We choose to decline all vitamin K

Erythromycin Eye Ointment is an antibiotic medication placed in a newborn's eyes after birth. This is required by law to protect the baby from an unknown gonorrhea infection in the mother's body. The ointment or drops may cause a baby's eyes to appear cloudy and some newborns' eyes may become very irritated with redness or swelling. This is a temporary condition and the medication should not be washed or cleaned out of the eyes.

- We accept the administration of erythromycin eye ointment to our newborn.
- We decline the administration of erythromycin eye ointment to our newborn.

Metabolic Screening is a blood draw done with a heel stick 1-3 days after delivery. This is a state mandated test that tests for more than 40 abnormalities that when treated in a timely manner can prevent severe disability, mental retardation or even death.

Pulse oximetry Screening is a noninvasive test that can identify some infants with critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs). CCHDs are structural heart defects that often are associated with hypoxia among infants during the newborn period. Infants with CCHDs are at risk for significant morbidity or mortality early in life because of closing of the ductus arteriosus or other physiologic changes.

Hearing Screen: This is a noninvasive test that is suggested by the state to pick up hearing loss early in development. Adequate hearing is required for normal speech and language development, and early therapies are readily available for babies diagnosed with hearing loss. You are responsible for your own hearing screening schedule. You can contact your pediatrician or the Birth Cottage of Milford (603-673-6010) will also do this screening for free.

We also authorize Sarah Bay, CNM to release our child's medical records and newborn screening results to the following provider:

Parent's Name _____ Infant's Name _____

Newborn's Physican _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Parent Signatures _____ Date _____