

LATE PRETERM INFANT FEEDING SCHEDULE

FOR 34.0–36.6 WEEK INFANTS

**EVERY BABY IS DIFFERENT, AND THEIR FEEDING PLAN WILL CHANGE BASED
ON THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS.**

Remember: Consult your
lactation specialist to see
if pumping is
recommended.

1-24 Hours

Breast: Skin to skin &
attempt latching in the
NICU. In newborn nursery,
feed every 2–3 hours.
Supplement if medically
indicated.
Formula Only: Feed infant
10–20 mL every 3 hours.

24-48 hours

Breast: Continue feeding
every 2–3 hours. If
supplementing, use 10–20
mL, human milk preferred.
Formula Only: Feed infant
20 mL minimum every 3
hours.

48-72 Hours

Breast: Continue feeding
every 2–3 hours. If
supplementing, increase
to 20–30 mL if needed.
Formula Only: Increase
feeding amounts as baby
desires.

At Discharge

**Caregivers
should refer to
their baby's
feeding plan and
increase amount
as baby desires.**

Remember: Feeding should
not last longer than 30
minutes, including latching
and supplementing.



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