

Information for breastfeeding families
Signs of a Poor Feeding

- Feeling nipple pain during feedings
- Sleepy baby
- Inconsistent, flutter (weak) sucking
- Difficulty latching and staying on
- Clicking or popping sounds in your baby's mouth
- Infrequent nursing (baby does not wake to feed at least every 3 hours)
- Baby is not satisfied at the end of the feeding
- Engorgement
- Inadequate wet diapers and stools
- Rapid or excessive weight loss (more than 7-10%) for the first few days
- Has not regained birth weight by 2 weeks
- Slow weight gain thereafter (less than 1/2 3/4 oz. per day)
- Please seek advice from a Lactation Consultant to learn techniques for more effective feedings.



Poor latch with shallow attachment

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