



WHEN TO CALL THE PEDIATRICIAN

After discharge from the hospital, there may be times when you have questions or concerns about the health of your baby. When these questions or concerns arise, they usually can be answered promptly by phoning your baby's doctor. Remember that many pediatricians have time set aside early in the day to answer your questions by phone.

When calling the doctor, you should have written down the pertinent information you wish to discuss at that time. Remember to give the following information:

1. Your name, your child's name and age.
2. A brief description of the baby's condition. This should include the baby's temperature or any other symptoms or changes you are concerned about...a skin rash, change in behavior, or feeding changes are some typical concerns of new parents. ***Remember to keep your information brief and to the point.*
3. Have a paper and pen handy to write down any instructions; know the name and telephone number of your pharmacy.
4. Remember, it is your verbal description that helps your doctor decide whether or not see your baby.

WHEN YOU CALL THE PEDIATRICIAN:

1. UNDERARM TEMPERATURE OF LESS THAN 97.5 OR GREATER THAN 99.3
2. DIFFICULTY FEEDING
3. CHANGE IN SKIN COLOR, YELLOW APPEARANCE (JAUNDICE)
4. WATERY STOOLS WITH MUCUS OR FOUL ODOR
5. CONSTIPATION
6. URINATION IS INFREQUENT; NOT HAVING 6 WET DIAPERS/DAY BY DAY 5
7. VOMITING, ESPECIALLY GREEN OR PROJECTILE
8. LIMP OR DIFFICULT TO AROUSE/LETHARGY
9. THE FONTANEL (SOFT SPOT) IS TENSE OR BULGING
10. UNPLEASANT ODOR FROM THE CORD, RED/SWOLLEN SKIN AROUND CORD
11. UNEXPLAINED RASH
12. THE BABY HAS FALLEN OR HAD AN ACCIDENT
13. BLEEDING, INCREASED REDNESS OR SWELLING OF CIRCUMCISION
14. COUGHING, NASAL DISCHARGE
15. EXCESSIVE CRYING

WHEN IN DOUBT CALL YOUR PEDIATRICIAN!

