BCAPOP
Woman-centred Support: Breastfeeding & Beyond
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Objectives
By the end of the session, participants will be able to:
1. Identify the **importance of breastfeeding** as a public health strategy to address inequities/disparities
2. Understand the **enabling role** of support and care providers
3. Support clients to make **informed decisions** re infant feeding using a **trauma-informed** perspective
4. Discuss ways to support a mother to obtain **good latch** and transfer of milk

1. Breastfeeding is important - how are we doing?

**Anik’s informed decision**
Anik is 20 weeks pregnant when she comes to the prenatal clinic. She says has not yet decided how she plans to feed her baby. Many of her friends have told her it does not really matter how she feeds her baby ....

What do you need to know to support Anik to make an **informed decision**?
“The 1,000 days between a woman’s pregnancy and her child’s 2nd birthday offer a unique window of opportunity to shape healthier & more prosperous futures. The right nutrition during this 1,000 day window can have a profound impact on a child’s ability to grow, learn, and rise out of poverty. It can also shape a society’s long-term health, stability and prosperity.”

http://www.thousanddays.org/about

**INFANT FEEDING 1,000 DAYS**

**Committing to Action**

**Breastfeeding**

**Global Recommendations**

- Initiate breastfeeding immediately after birth (skin to skin)
- Breastfeed exclusively from birth to 6 months
- Introduce safe and nutritionally adequate table foods from about 6 months
- Breastfeed for 2 years and beyond

**Benefits are dose dependent**

WHO, Health Canada, Canadian Pediatric Soc, Dietitians of Canada


http://www.thousanddays.org/about

Public Health Agency of Canada (2015)
Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention: Strategic Plan 2016-2019.
Sub-optimal breastfeeding - WHO

BC breastfeeding rates

Approximately what percentage of babies in BC are exclusively breastfeeding at 6 months?

a) 5%

b) 15%

c) 35%

d) 75%

2. Big picture context - enabling breastfeeding

Figure 1: The components of an enabling environment for breastfeeding – a conceptual model


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Social Determinants of Health

- The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age (including the health system)
- Shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels, which are all influenced by policy choices
- Early childhood development is a key determinant of health

Who is at risk of not breastfeeding?

Age
Education
Socio-economic status
Culture
Physical & mental health status
Support system
Culture...
..exerts a major influence on a mother's attitude towards bf and how she decides to feed her baby. .... Culture is defined as values, beliefs, norms and practices of a particular group which are learned, shared and guide thinking, decisions and actions in a patterned way .. Without understanding the mother's cultural practices, our care and intervention could do more harm than good.”

Riordan, J; Auerbach K (1993)
Breastfeeding and Human Lactation, Jones & Bartlett (p27)

“A community and nation that takes the responsibilities of breastfeeding seriously, that honours and respects the needs of the birthing women to have the time and support they need in order that breastfeeding is established, is a nation that cares about the long term health of its people.”

Aboriginal Parents: Eyes on Breastfeeding - More than Loving Contact

Exclusivity & Duration Rates

- mother’s intention & positive attitude
- support and encouragement
  - partner, family, friends, role models
  - health care providers and systems
  - workplace compatible
  - public spaces - acceptance of bf
  - no advertising by formula companies

Dignafo S et al (2003). Do perceived attitudes of physicians and hospital staff affect breastfeeding decisions? Birth 30 (2)

Client Education Anticipatory Guidance
Health Professionals & peer support
- Influence mother's intention to bf
- Increase maternal confidence
- Enhance the bf experience
- Reduce the risk of early weaning

Bias?
Anik’s informed decision
Which approach might positively influence Anik to breastfeed?

a. Remain neutral to avoid putting pressure on her
b. Provide information handouts for her to take home and read
c. Discuss the health outcomes for breastfeeding and make it clear you think breastfeeding is important

Prenatal window of influence
When do women make their decision about how to feed their baby?

- 50% before pregnancy
- 26% during pregnancy
- 11% after birth


Impact of 1 simple face-to-face prenatal breastfeeding discussion
- Significant breastfeeding practice improvement up to 3 months after delivery
- Print and audiovisual ed. materials are not enough

Simple antenatal preparation to improve breastfeeding practice. A randomized controlled trial
Mattr CN ; Chong YS ; Chan YS ; Chew A ; Tan P ; Chan YH Rauff MH
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
National University Hospital, Singapore

Self-efficacy theory
- Derived from social learning theory (Bandura 1977,1982)
- “Ongoing cognitive process in which individuals determine their confidence or their perceived ability for performing a specific behavior. Factors influencing this ability consist of the
  o individuals’ motivation,
  o emotional state, and
  o social environment.” (Wambach and Riordan 2016)
- i.e. a variable that can be modified
Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy Scale
Dennis and Faux

- Content, construct & predictive validity
- Strong predictor of bf initiation, exclusivity & duration (Tuthill et al, 2016)
- Self-efficacy expectancies based on M's
  - Previous bf experience
  - Observations of successful bf
  - Encouragement received from others
  - Mothers state of wellness

(Wambach and Riordan 2016)

Identify and support those at risk:

• At risk of choosing not to breastfeed:
  - Lower education level
  - Younger maternal age
  - Lower income
  - Smoking
  - Belief in “myths”

Mental health, Trauma Addictions

• At risk of mixed feeds/short duration:
  - Lack of support or confidence
  - Inconsistent/inaccurate information
  - Difficulties (sore nipples, supply, fatigue, PND)
  - Early return to work
  - Early introduction of formula or solids

Barriers to Bf

Impact of care providers?

• Assessment
• Anticipatory guidance/ knowledge translation
• Build self-confidence of the mother (primary decision-maker)
**Assessment**

- Mother
- Baby
- M:B relationship
- Support
  - Family
  - Health care
  - Community

**Protect, Promote & Support**

- Believe bf promotes health of women, children and society
- Provide consistent, current, non-biased information
- Accept all mothers in a positive, non-judgmental way

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**3. Best practice (trauma informed) to support client’s informed decisions**

**Stuff Happens**

- Big picture with a back story
**Trauma – life time effects**

- Acute trauma
- Chronic relation-based trauma
  - 80% parents + 20% relatives/ adult friends
- Impact on children – damage to
  - Relational functioning (attachment, hostile/ withdrawn)
  - Brains (attention, abstraction, reasoning, executive function)
  - Sense of self (attributions re world, social skills)


**Trauma – repeating cycles**

Kendall-Tackett (2005)

**Trauma Informed Practice**

Dr. Nancy Poole

**Key Principles**

- Awareness of impact
- Emphasize safety & trustworthiness
- Opportunities for choice, collaboration & connection
- Strengths-based & skill building

**LOVE method**

- Listen and Observe
- Open-ended questions
- Validate & Affirm
- Empower/Educate

Timely referral

Braid Theory: Lucy Barney RN, MSN
Cultural competency/ personal bias

“It's a misconception that racism is always overt and intentional. Far more common is an incorrect assumption or stereotype, based on someone's racial or ethnic background. This more subtle prejudice often occurs without conscious malicious intent.”


Smylie cont.

“My mother, a nurse and a proud Metis woman who survived a level of attitudinal racism during her childhood in Saskatoon that I can only imagine, taught me my first and most important lessons about respect. She taught me that being respectful starts with self-awareness and humility - I am no better than anyone else and I should never forget it. With her lessons in mind, it has been easier for me to open my heart to others, even when I am challenged by apparent differences in values, attitude, appearances and experience. My life has been vastly enriched by the new understandings and perspectives these connections across difference allow.” (Italics mine)

Informed decision

- Opportunities to discuss concerns
- Importance of breastfeeding
- Health consequences of not bf.
- Risks & costs of substitutes
- Difficulty of reversing decision
- Mothers choosing not to breastfeed
  - AFASS
  - Individual instruction by Health Prof
    - prep, store, feed

Motivational Interviewing as a Counselling Style

- Democratic partnership – each bring expertise
- Resolve ambivalence (intrinsic motivation and values)
- Activate innate capability for beneficial change
- Directive - goal of eliciting self-motivational statements and enhancing motivation for positive behavioral change

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK64964/
Mother’s experience of support
Support providers: client-centred care
- Knowledge
- Effectiveness
- Sensitivity and relational competence
- Accessibility


Case Study 1
- Trauma informed
- Informed decision
- Motivational health promotion
- Building self-efficacy

Trauma – what can we do?
- Prevention
  - Societal support for parents & families
  - Schools – promote healthy relationships
  - Social norms/ laws (non-abusive relationships)
- Intervention support
  - Develop relationship skills
- Treatment
  - Across the lifespan

Women who were sexually abused
- Pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding may awaken disturbing thoughts and feelings
- Create opportunities for listening and discussion
- Breastfeeding has been healing for many
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Bf protects against child abuse


• 7223 Australian M-B pairs – 15 yr study
• 5890: anal. duration of bf/ maltreatment
  - No maltr., non-M. & M perpetrated maltr.
• 512 substantiated maltreatment cases
  - >60% had 1 or more M-perp. maltreatment
  - Non-bf > bf for 4 m - 4.8 x odds
  - After confounders:  2.6 x odds
• Bf may help protect, particularly neglect

Building resources in the community

Perinatal Circle of Support

Teamwork


4. Evidence base to practice – building self-efficacy

The benefits of breastfeeding are evidence-based, but the mechanisms for supporting all women, including those who do not breastfeed, to feel confident in their relationship with their baby require practical and emotional support.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child focus

The evidence and rationale for the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative standards
**Bf in the Information Age**

- Google (information)
  - Media Portrayal of bottle/breastfeeding
    Henderson et al 2000
- Pubmed (evidence)
  - Reliability/validity/trustworthiness?
  - Evidence base to practice?
- Critical reading & thinking skills
  - Vital link to successful patient outcomes

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**What can be done to improve and measure breastfeeding outcomes?**

**Best practice tools?**

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**Baby-Friendly Initiative – Reframes the responsibility for breastfeeding success:**

*mother, partner, family, health care system, society, government .....*

**Translates knowledge**
Ten Steps: Themes

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Breastfeeding Best Practice

- Early and Often
- Skin to skin & early cues
- Effective Breastfeeding
- Exclusive Breastfeeding

Ongoing Breastfeeding support

- Health care providers across the continuum of care (BFI)
- Peer support (BFI Step 10)
- PHAC Protecting, Promoting and Supporting Breastfeeding: A Practical Workbook for Community-Based Programs
  

“The key to best breastfeeding practices is continued day-to-day support for the breastfeeding mother within her home and community.”

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**Case Study 2**
Supporting the initiation & establishing of effective, exclusive breastfeeding - resolving challenges

**Breastfeed early & often**
- Skin-to-skin initiation
  - Baby - safe transition
  - Mother - wellbeing and bonding
- Feeding cues and frequency
- Hand expression and cup feeding

**Effective breastfeeding**
- Positional stability
- Latch
- Milk intake and thriving
- Breast and nipple care

**Exclusive breastfeeding**
- Supplements
  - why, what, how, how much
  - Milk bank vs milk sharing
- Building supply
- Mothers not breastfeeding
  - Informed decision
  - Individual instruction
  - Harm reduction
Early and Often
SSC - Initiation of bf

Breastfeeding is part of a continuum

- Antenatal care impacts intention to breastfeed
- Labour and delivery care impact dyads readiness to breastfeed
- Breastfeeding starts with skin-to-skin contact

Baby
STS-Safe Transition
Skin-to-skin Care

- Stabilizes infant
  - temperature
  - heart rate
  - breathing (Moor et al. 2007, Bergman 2000)

- Reduces stress hormones in baby by 74%
  (Modi & Glover 1998; Mooncey 1997)

- Triggers feeding behaviours

- Less crying, better gains, earlier discharge
  (Wahlberg 1992; Anderson 1989)

Skin to skin initiates organized, predictable, sequential, pre-feeding behavior that leads to effective, coordinated suckling.

PEDIATRICS Vol. 102 No. 5 Supplement November 1998, pp. 1244-1246

RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES:
Mother and Infant: Early Emotional Ties, Marshall Klaus

Skin to skin/ early initiation

Breastfeeding
- Longer and more frequent
- Greater milk volume Bystrova et al., 2007a, 2007b
- More exclusive breastfeeding from birth to discharge Bystrova et al., 2007c
- Longer duration of breastfeeding to 6m
  Anderson et al., 2003; Mikel-Kostyra et al., 2002; Mizuno et al., 2004; Moore et al. 2007; Nakao et al., 2008; Thomson et al., 1979; Vaidya et al., 2005

Reduces stress and Pain

Modi & Glover 1998
Weissman et al. 2009
Skin to skin/ early initiation

- Maternal
  - Less PPH, faster placental expulsion
    Marin et al., 2009, 274 women
  - Higher oxytocin – baby massages breast – more suckling and milk production
    Matthiesen et al., 2001; Widström et al., 1993, 2011

Skin-to-skin care: Psychosocial benefits for mother and baby

- Baby cries less
- Early mother-infant interaction: bonding
- Maternal well-being-attachment
- Less infant abandonment, maltreatment
- Mother-infant interaction at one year old

Maternal well-being & attachment

Skin-to-skin:
- Less maternal stress: reduced gastrin blood level
- Better maternal well-being: increased oxytocin

Early breastfeeding:
- Significant less depression, greater sociability
- Greater maternal well-being: 2x plasma endorphins

Frequent maternal wellbeing → attachment
due to repeated activation of opioids and oxytocin

Ali et Lowry, 1981; Anderson et al., 2003; Bystrova et al., 2007b; Carfoot et al., 2005; De Château et al., 1977a, 1977b; Hales et al., 1977; Klaus et al., 1968; Klaus et al., 1972; Klaus et al., 1976; Moore et al., 2007; Velandia et al., 2010; Widström et al., 1990; Winberg, 2005
Less infant abandonment, maltreatment

- Significantly less parental negligence and maltreatment in socially vulnerable families
- Less early abandonment of infants in postnatal period

Anderson et al., 2003; Lvoff et al., 2000; Strathearn et al., 2009; Winberg & Christensson, 1995

Mother-infant interaction at one year

Uninterrupted skin-to-skin for 2 hrs at birth positively impacts
- mother's sensitivity
- child's self-regulation
- mutual reciprocity
- (Parent-Child Early Relational Assessment) when the child is one year old

all confounding variables considered

Bystrova et al., 2009

Early experiences influence brain and body chemistry

- Maternal behaviour towards infant determines indiv. differences in stress reactivity of the adult (Szyf)
- Higher stress reactivity → higher risk of
  - Heart disease, Type 2 diabetes
  - Alcoholism
  - Affective disorders
  - Brain aging

DNA methylation

Early and Often Cues, Frequency
**Expectations?**

- Newborns feed at least 8 times per 24 hours in the early days, cluster feed
- Cue-based feeding
- Sleep when baby sleeps
- It takes time to establish breastfeeding

**Small Tummies Need to Feed More Often**

- Day 1: 5-7 mls
- Day 3: 22-27 mls
- Day 10: 60-81 mls

**Normalizing Expectations**

- The first milk, colostrum, is rich in protein and antibodies
  - Neutrophils in colostrum promote bacterial killing, phagocytosis, and chemotaxis
- Small volume is normal:
  - 7-123 ml/day first day
  - 2-10 ml/feeding day 1
  - 5-15 ml/feeding day 2

Early and Often: Feeding Cues
• Sucking movements
• Sucking sounds
• Hand to mouth movements
• Rapid eye movements
• Soft cooing or sighing sounds
• Restlessness

Crying is a late cue

Video: Feeding cues and behaviours

Cue-based feeding
• Breastfeeding
  - More effective position and latch
  - Longer duration
• More milk: earlier onset, ↑ volumes
• Weight: ↓ loss, ↑ regain birth weight
• Fewer challenges:
  - Mother: engorgement, sore nipples
  - Baby: jaundice, hypoglycaemia

Waking a sleepy infant
Goal: transition to active alert state
• Watch for early cues
• Skin-to-skin with mother
  - Undress/ unwrap baby
• Change diaper
• Massage infant’s back, arms and legs
Hand expressing

Milk storage

BBC p106

http://www.toronto.ca/health - click on Health Professionals - protocols

Hand expression videos

- Dr. Jane Morton
  http://newborns.stanford.edu/Breastfeeding/HandExpression.html

- National Breastfeeding Committee of Denmark:
  How to Milk by Hand; How to Feed From a Cup
  Distributed by: www.healthed.cc
Breast pumps... If mom and baby are separated or baby is not breastfeeding

< 1hr – start expressing

< 48 hours hand expression is best
collect colostrum
stimulate production
empower mom

> 48 hrs  hand expression
    hand pump
    electric pump

Cup feeding
• Baby led
• Positive oral experience
• Appropriate oral behaviors
• Little energy needed
• Oral enzymes
• Fat conserved
• Eye contact
• Hygienic

Use pumps carefully:
- right pump for the purpose
- right size flanges
- right vacuum pressure
- right timing
- right frequency
- cleaning instructions
Summary: Dyad in Transition
Support self-efficacy

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Effective Breastfeeding
- Position

Positioning - Mom

Comfortable position
Back well supported
Raised feet if sitting in chair
Shoulders relaxed = breasts at natural level
Bring baby to the breast
  • Pillow?

Positioning demo
Practice with your doll
Position for Effective BF Stability

- Tummy to mummy
- Bum tucked in
- Chin to breast
- Nose to nipple

Straight spinal axis
Clear airway

Latch for Effective Breastfeeding

BBC p100
www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca/home/articles/topic/feeding

Components of effective latch

- Nipple free of pain or trauma
- Nipple not distorted at the end of a feed
- Chin touching breast, baby’s mouth wide open
- Greater cover of areola with lower jaw
- Cheeks full, no dimpling evident
- Rhythmic suckle with nasal swallow sound
- Mother’s hand supports neck and shoulders

Rebecca Glover
Breastfeeding Education Materials
http://www.rebeccaglover.com.au

- DVD Follow Me Mum
- Teaching charts & Tear off Sheets: Attachment/ latch and Holding Me
- Free Download - Teaching Tools:
  - 7 Fundamental Latching Behaviours
  - Pocket Flash Cards
  - Helping Continuum Table
**For effective milk transfer:**

- Baby in organized state
- Empower the bottom jaw (flexion)
- Correct position and use of the tongue during suckling

**Signs of milk transfer**

- Alert baby, cues, is satisfied
- Nutritive sucking, **audible swallow**
- Relaxed arms and hands
- Adequate age-appropriate
  - Weight gain
  - Output
- Baby well hydrated

**Maternal signs of milk transfer**

- Strong tugging (not painful)
- Uterine contractions (first 3-5 days)
- Milk leaking from other breast
- Relaxation, thirst
- Breast softer after feed (once milk in)
- Elongated nipple- no pain/ molding

**Signs of Effective Breastfeeding Mother**

- Pain: none or minimal with latch
- Nipples intact
- Breasts
  - increase in firmness, weight, size
  - fullness relieved by feeding
- Milk volume noticeably up by day 5
**Signs of Effective Bf: Baby**

- Audible swallowing during feed by day 4
- Weight
  - loss ≤ 7% (NVD) -10% (C/S) in 72h
  - no loss after day 5
  - gain = 20 - 35g/d by day 5; birth wt day 10
- Output
  - urine: ≤ 3 by day 3, clear/ pale yellow by day 4
  - bm: ≤ 3 by day 3, seedy/ yellow by day 5
- Satisfied/ content after feeds

**Getting enough? Thriving?**

- Frequency: feeds at least 8/ 24 hours
- Suckling rhythm slows, audible swallows
- Baby ends feed satisfied
- Alert, muscle tone and skin elasticity
- Wk 1: 5+ wet diapers/ 24h (pale urine)
- Wk 1: 3 – 5 poos (fewer after ~ 6 weeks?)
- Steady gains (age approp; 20–30 g per day)
- Length and head circumference growing

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**Nipple Care**

Wash hands before feeds

Avoid lotions, oils or non-medicinal ointments

Express a little milk after feeds and apply to the nipples - air dry

Wear comfortable bras - beware under wires or too tight straps (blocked ducts)

Use cotton liners - change them frequently to discourage growth of bacteria and yeast

**EXCLUSIVE BF**

- Cotton liner pattern
- BBC p104
Exclusive Breastfeeding

Exclusive breastfeeding means that no foods or drink other than breastmilk are given to a baby.

No pacifiers or artificial teats are given to a baby.

Medically indicated

There are rare exceptions during which the infant may require other fluids or food in addition to, or in place of, breast milk. The feeding programme of these babies should be determined by qualified health professionals on an individual basis.

Healthy Term Infants

- Supp volume guided by colostrum vol.

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Supplement – what?

- Mother’s own ebm
- Pasteurised donor milk
- Formula
  - Protein hydrolysate formula
  - Standard ready to feed/ liquid concentrate

Glucose water is not appropriate supp.
**True/ perceived low supply?**
- Ask about the big picture & relationship
  - Baby’s output, gain, temperament, sleep
- Early & Often/ Effective/ Exclusive?
  - Point out signs of adequate intake
- Enhance effective latch and transfer
  - Right brain problem solving
- Follow up and support

**Building milk supply**
- Skin to skin –any age
  - baby carriers also help
- Rest, adequate fluids
- Avoid alcohol, nicotine
- Psycho-social support
- Frequent, effective milk removal (min. 8/24 h)
  - Effective breastfeeding, switch nursing
  - Hand expression or pump
  - Breast compression, massage

**Human milk banking**
- HMBANA guidelines, donor screening
- Pasteurization, culture, freezing
- Rx and recipient informed consent
- Nutritional components not altered – carbohydrates, fats, fat-soluble vits, salts
- Components altered/ reduced-
  - Protein (13% denatured)
  - IgA (67-100% active); IgG (66-70% active)
  - Lactoferrin (20% active); Lysozyme (75% active)

**Informal milk sharing**
- Traditional practice in many cultures
- Internet – expanded to strangers
- Increased risk for transmission of
  - Disease (HIV, HTLV, TB)
  - Contaminants
    - Health Canada, CPS, FDA, AAP and many others
- HMBANA banks – low supply, $
- For-profit banks
- Informed decision - recipients
CONCLUSIONS:
Human milk purchased via the Internet exhibited high overall bacterial growth & frequent contamination with pathogenic bacteria, reflecting poor collection, storage, or shipping practices.
Infants consuming this milk are at risk for negative outcomes, particularly if born preterm or are medically compromised.
Increased use of lactation support services may begin to address the milk supply gap for women who want to feed their child human milk but cannot meet his or her needs.

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Microbial Contamination of Human Milk Purchased Via the Internet

Ineffective Feeding: Plan

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Mothers not breastfeeding Mothers supplementing

Informed decision

Individual Instruction
- Selection of breastmilk substitute
- Preparation of formula
- Storage
- Feeding (cue-based, paced)

Harm reduction
**Formula Facts**

- Homemade formula is nutritionally inadequate, proteins not modified
- Commercial formula meets Codex Alimentarius standards
  - Liquid concentrate (sterile till opened)
  - Liquid ready to feed (sterile till opened)
  - Powdered (may be contaminated pre-opening)

Joint FAO/WHO Workshop on *E. sakazakii* and Other Microorganisms in Powdered Infant Formula:

In situations where infants are not breastfed, caregivers, particularly of infants at high risk, should be

- regularly alerted that powdered infant formula is not a sterile product and can be contaminated with pathogens that can cause serious illness; they should be provided with information that can reduce the risk.

- encouraged to use, whenever possible and feasible, commercially sterile liquid formula or formula which has undergone an effective point-of-use decontamination procedure (e.g. use of boiling water to reconstitute or by heating reconstituted formula).
- Guidelines should be developed for the preparation, use and handling of infant formula to minimize risk.

http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/powdered-infant-formula/en

**Formula facts (cont)**

- Modified cow or soy milk (allergens?)
- Lacks key nutrients in breastmilk
- Baby may be overfed
- Specialty formulas
  - Hydrolysed proteins, lactose free
    - Nutramigen, Pregestamil, Alimentum
- No evidence for
  - Premature (classified as experimental by FDA)
  - Lactose free; Thickened; DHA/ARA
  - Follow-on (WHO discourages)
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| • Informed decision - all mothers  
  (bf + supplements, replacement feeding) |
| • Support (grieving, anger, denial) |
| • Skin-to-skin, cue-based feeding |
| • Age appropriate feed volumes |
| • Careful preparation, storage, handling  
  and feeding is vital for safety |

http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/powdered-infant-formula/en/  
Teach parents and return demonstration

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| • Mother regulates flow from bottle  
  protect breathing, heart rate, oxygen saturation |
| • Hold baby upright, support head/neck  
  – Use wide-based, slow flow nipple  
  – Trigger wide mouth, let baby accept nipple  
  – Keep bottle horizontal, nipple partly full |
| • Dangerous signs  
  – Gulping, milk leaking from mouth  
  – Stridor, gasping, flared nostrils, grimacing  
  – Eyes opened widely, cyanosis |