

The Outpatient Breastfeeding Champion Program Session 7



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A mother is seen on day 5, 1 day after leaving the hospital s/p cesarean birth. She reports pumping and bottle feeding because her baby has not latched to either breast yet. Every time she puts the baby to the breast, the baby screams. She wonders what to do. You advise:

- A. Stop bottle feeding, switch to finger-feeding, and keep trying to put the baby to the breast before finger-feeding.
- B. Your baby probably has a problem such as torticollis or a sucking problem. Continue to do what you are currently doing and see a lactation specialist.
-  C. Continue to pump + manual expression every 3 hours. Keep your baby skin-to-skin as much as possible and let the baby move down towards the breast when he is interested. You should also see a lactation specialist.
- D. A and C



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The correct answer is C

A is not correct because no studies have been done to show that finger feeding is more likely to lead to successful nursing as compared to the bottle.

B. Is not correct. There is a good chance that they baby does not have torticollis or a sucking problem.

C is correct. Keeping the baby skin to skin to allow the opportunity for self-led latch is the best way to encourage the baby back to the breast

A lactating parent who is 2 weeks postpartum reports that the baby refuses to feed from the L side. The baby fed from both sides the first 3-4 days, then became fussier on the L side over time. Now the parent is just pumping the L side.

What is the most important question to ask this parent?

- A. Is your let-down heavier on the left?
- B. Is your milk production lower on the left side?
- C. Does your baby turn his head equally to both sides?
- D. Do you think your baby has any pain when lying on that side?
- E. All are important



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The correct answer is E

All of these answers are possible causes for the baby not going to one side

This parent now tells you that the L breast makes more milk and has a heavier let-down. She now realizes that he chokes on that side. You advise all EXCEPT:



- A. Try to nurse from the L before it becomes too full.
- B. Just keep pumping the L side and nurse from the R side.
- C. If the L side is too full before feeding, express the first letdown into a container or towel.
- D. Change positions so that the baby is more on-top of the breast rather than underneath it.



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The correct answer is B

A, C, D are all strategies to manage over production on one side

B is not good advice because she will continue to make excessive milk on that side, and the problem won't resolve

Mom calls at 7 weeks postpartum and reports that her milk production is low. She is taking herbs and pumping after most feeds. She supplements by finger-feeding 1.5 oz (45ml) of formula after nursing, but this takes a long time. She is worried that her baby won't nurse if she introduces a bottle. She wants your opinion re what to do.

Reasonable advice would include:

- A. Would you be interested in learning how to use a feeding tube at the breast?
- B. Introducing a bottle is reasonable at this point, but you are correct that the baby might have less interest in nursing, it depends on the baby. Pacing the bottle may help.
- C. I would like to see you to watch a feeding and do a pre and post-feed weight.
- D. I suggest you see a breastfeeding specialist for a consult regarding your low production and an infant feeding plan.
- E. All of the above



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The correct answer is E

Today you are seeing mom and baby 2 weeks postpartum. The baby had trouble latching in the hospital, so was given a nipple shield on day 2. She is still using the nipple shield because her baby won't latch without it.

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Mom wants to know how his weight is. You respond:

- A. The baby has not gained sufficient weight. I would like you to give a bottle of formula after each feeding.
-  B. The baby has not gained sufficient weight. We need to evaluate this further.
- C. The baby has not gained sufficient weight. It looks like your milk production is low. I will ask the doctor to give you a medicine for this.



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The correct answer is B

A is not correct. It is possible that she has plenty of milk in her breasts, but the baby is not transferring the milk. She will need to pump after nursing, and it very possible that she will have enough milk to supplement the baby. The nipple shield on its own can lead to insufficient milk transfer

In addition, something else might be going on with the baby, causing trouble transferring milk. For example, the baby could have tongue tie, excessive sleepiness, torticollis, or nasal congestion.

C is not correct. Again, we cannot make an assumption that the milk production is low. There is a good chance that the problem is trouble transferring milk

This same mother reports that her breasts feel full before feeding, and she always sees milk in the nipple shield after nursing. You've decided that you are going to refer them to the lactation consultant. In the meantime, your advice to mom includes:

- A. Please pump after feeding to maintain your production. Offer expressed breastmilk to the baby after nursing, however much he'll take, and let's talk about how to supplement.
- B. Let's arrange a weight check in 3 days.
- C. I'd like you to work on latch without the shield starting with skin to skin and allowing infant-led latch when the baby is not overly hungry. Another option is to latch with the shield, then remove it after the first letdown.
- D. IF your baby is sleepy during feeding, please keep him awake.
- E. All the above



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E is the correct answer. If many people have not answered E, please explain why they are all reasonable to advise.

You think about this mom and baby later and come up with ideas as to why the baby's weight is low. What is the least likely reason for the insufficient weight gain?



- A. The baby is ill and has a decrease in appetite.
- B. The baby is falling asleep at the breast.
- C. Mom's production is low, possibly due to nipple shield use.
- D. The baby does not transfer milk well with the shield



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The correct answer is A. Most of the time, a nursing baby who is not gaining well is not ill. Either the baby is not transferring milk due to falling asleep, mom's milk production is low, or there is another reason why baby is not transferring milk, such as tongue tie or a nipple shield.

Mom calls, concerned that her 5-month-old baby won't nurse when she returns from work. She nurses the baby in the am, and pumps 3 times at work. She pumps ~3 oz (90ml) each session and believes that her milk production has decreased. The baby takes a 4 oz (120ml) bottle of expressed milk every 3 hours at daycare. After work, the baby will only feed from a bottle but will nurse in the middle of the night. You advise:

- A. The baby loses the ability to coordinate the suck/swallow at the breast when awake and excited.
- B. The baby may be too distracted to nurse at the breast.
- C. The baby may be frustrated with the lower milk flow rate from the breast.
- D. B & C



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The correct answer is D

A is not correct. It is highly unlikely that the baby cannot coordinate suck/swallow

What would you recommend to this mother?

- A. Try nursing before the baby is overly hungry, in a location where there are few distractions.
- B. Don't bottle feed. If the baby is hungry enough, she will nurse at the breast.
- C. Arrange a visit to have her pump method checked for effectiveness.
- D. Start solids in the evening so that mom does not need to pump and bottle feed.



E. A & C



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The correct answer is E.

It is common for infants to take higher volumes in bottles when at daycare, yet mom's production is at its lowest in the evening, esp if her production declined due to going back to work.

A- nursing a baby in a quiet place without distractions can help keep the baby at the breast, especially if the baby is not overly hungry at the onset of nursing.

B starving the baby in order to force the baby to nurse is not a healthy or effective strategy. The baby will just scream.

C- recommend that a knowledgeable person watch pump to make sure she has a proper size breast shield, that she is using appropriate technique and suction, and you can teach her hands on pumping

D-Solids should not substitute for breastmilk. Only formula can do this.

You are meeting with a group of pregnant people, and they ask if there are any special recommendations for their diet during lactation. You advise:



- A. If you are on a restrictive diet, such as vegan, please contact your health care provider or a nutritionist about whether you need nutritional supplement(s).
- B. You need to drink approximately 8 glasses of water a day.
- C. Avoid all caffeine to avoid infant irritability
- D. Broccoli and cauliflower should be avoided because they will likely cause infant gas.
- E. Losing weight postpartum will drop your milk production.



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A is the correct answer. Mothers who are on restrictive diets may be missing some key vitamins that are essential during lactation. A common dietary restriction is veganism, where there is little vitamin B12 in the diet.

B- the amount of water needed during lactation varies among individuals. The urine should be clear to pale yellow.

C- Caffeine is OK during lactation, just avoid overdoing it

D- Broccoli and cauliflower may cause some gas, but it is not a reason to avoid eating these foods

E. Losing weight **slowly** is reasonable during lactation and won't cause a significant drop in milk production

Session 7 Topics

- Milk expression
 - Manual, pumps
- Breast pumps
 - Manual, battery, electric
- Choosing a breast pump
- Fitting breast shields
- Operating and cleaning a breast pump
- Use of expressed breastmilk
- Returning to work and breastfeeding



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These are the topics for this session

Session 7 Objectives

- Identify 2 reasons why manual expression can be beneficial to add to electric pumping.
- Describe to the parent how to manually express the breasts.
- Demonstrate how to assemble the parts for a double electric pump.
- Describe how pumps and pump parts should be cleaned.
 - Identify the steps to safely store and reheat breastmilk
 - Know how to counsel on storing milk for going back to work



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Please read these to group. These are the learning objectives for this session

Manual Expression of the Breast



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Now lets talk for a few minutes about manual expression of the breast. What we mean is actually expressing milk from the breast using hands only.



What are ideal situations for hand (manual) breast expression?



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Ideal Situations for Manual Expression

- The first week postpartum
- Engorgement
- Low milk production
- No pump available
- Infrequent need
- Personal/cultural preference



[Manual Expression Video](#)



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Ideal Situations for Manual Expression

The first week, or first few days, postpartum

This is one of the most important times for manual expression. Colostrum is thick and is not easily expressed with pumping. Manual expression at this time is most effective to express colostrum

Engorgement

Manual expression help to move milk and colostrum thru the swollen breast

Low milk production

Dr. Jane Morton's work from Stanford shows that manually expressing the breasts in addition to pump can increase the milk production beyond pumping alone. This is especially important for people who have premature infants and are not nursing yet.

No pump available.

Manual expression is certainly an option for individuals with no pump. This is an important skill for all lactating individuals to learn before they leave the hospital, since many don't have a breast pump in the first few weeks.

Very intermittent expression needed, infrequent need

Some lactating parents prefer to manually express because they are not separated from their children very often. They rarely need a pump.

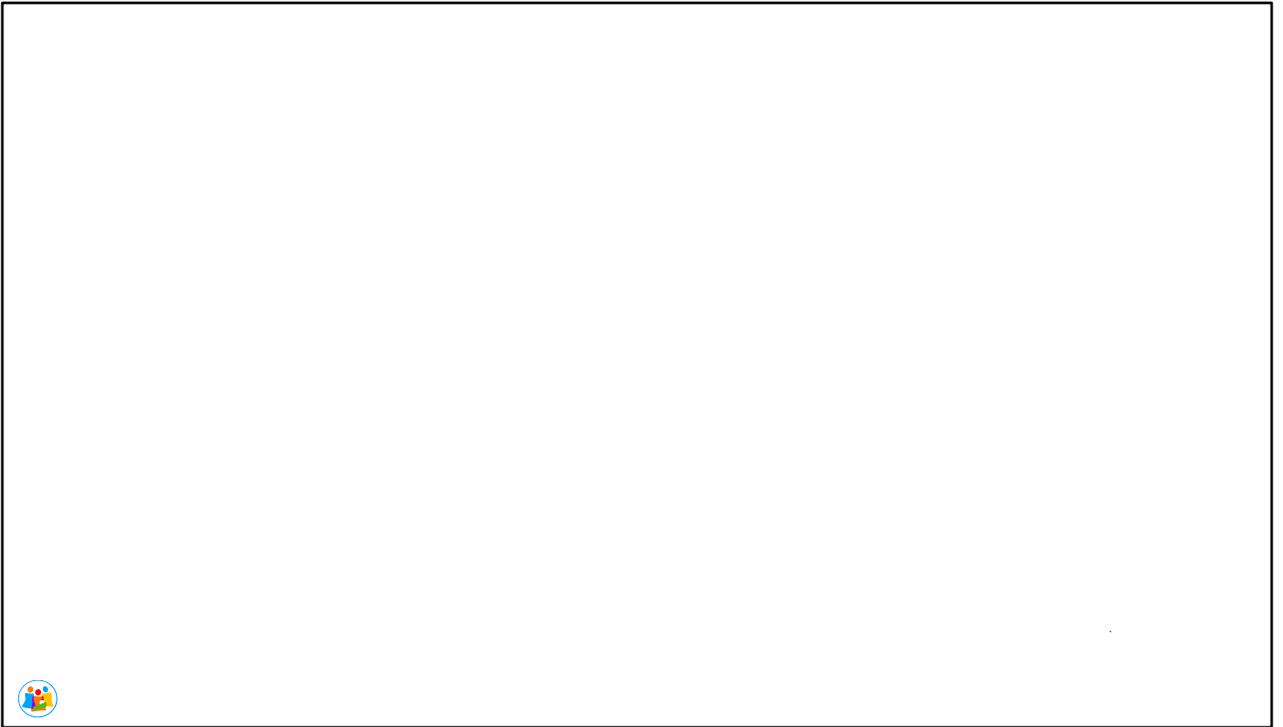
Preference

Many lactating parents don't like pumps, or have difficulty letting down to a pump

Culture

Some lactating parents come from cultures or societies where manual expression is the normal way to express milk when not nursing

After discussing this slide, the next click takes you to the video of manual expression



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Advantages to Manual Expression	Advantages to Pump Expression
Hands are easily available	Expression might be faster
Only parts to wash are hands	Improved comfort if manual expression hurts
Can be done anywhere, no need for electricity	Can be done hands free if using an electric pump
Costs nothing	Easier for people with physical limitations
Increases milk production and fat beyond pumping	Increases milk production
Reduced risk of nipple trauma	
No associated noise	

This chart shows the advantages of manual expression vs advantages to using a breast pump

This chart is pretty self- explanatory
 Read thru the chart

Manual Breast Pumps

- No electricity used
- Vacuum is created by squeezing a handle or lever
- Most are single sided
- The individual has control over duration of each cycle and frequency of cycles



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Manual Breast Pumps

No electricity used

This is important for people who are on the move at work and don't always have access to electricity. Lactating people who live in areas at risk of losing electricity, ie hurricane or tornado areas, would benefit from having one. Manual expression is always an option as well.

Vacuum is created by squeezing a handle or lever

The manual aspect of the pump is that the vacuum is created manually

Most are single sided

This means that pumping can be slower. Also, pumping both breasts at the same time will raise the prolactin level higher compared to pumping on one side

The individual has control over duration of each cycle and frequency of cycles

They can determine how fast the pumping will occur, and how fast the vacuum will climb with each expression

The Haakaa

- Soft, silicone
- Apply to the breast after squeezing
- Draws milk during a letdown
- Often used on the 2nd breast when pumping/nursing on one side
 - Only use if infant won't nurse from that breast or is done on that side
 - No stealing from the infant!
- Can create over-production
- May be traumatic due to high negative pressure and wide opening



The Haakaa milk collector is a soft, silicone container that provides a negative pressure reservoir to collect milk during a letdown

Apply to the breast after squeezing – flip back the round top so that it applies well to the breast

Draws milk during a letdown- it typically does not start a letdown

Often used on the other breast when pumping/nursing on one side- this is probably the most common use, especially in the middle of the night when the infant will nurse on just one side. However, as this has become more popular, some lactating parents mistakenly use it on the second side before the infant nurses, so that they infant does not take sufficient milk. The first letdown often has 50% of the milk in the breast at that time, so can steal significant volume from the infant.

It can cause trauma, since it does generate high pressure. It also has a wide opening, so can draw in a fair amount of breast tissue, causing bruising or microtrauma.

Consider Haakaa use as a cause when working with women who have low grade breast aching.

Passive Milk Collectors

- They do not apply vacuum
- Simply collect drip milk
- Low/no risk of trauma
- Beware- some appear to be passive collectors, but do apply suction



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Passive Milk Collectors

These do not apply vacuum, and just collect drip milk. These are generally safe, do not introduce trauma, and will not increase milk production. Some of these products appear to be passive collectors, and do apply suction, so consumers need to be aware of this.



Battery or Electric Powered Breast Pumps

Easier than a clothes washing machine!

Proper use imperative to protect milk production

Proper fit needed to prevent injury!



Battery or Electric Breast Pumps

Easier than a clothes washing machine

These do not need to be intimidating. Just as most people feel comfortable figuring out how to use a washing machine at a friend's house, or at the laundromat, breast pumps can also be readily operated.

By understanding the basic functions of these pumps, Breastfeeding Champions should feel comfortable reading over the manual and teaching the parent how to use the pump.

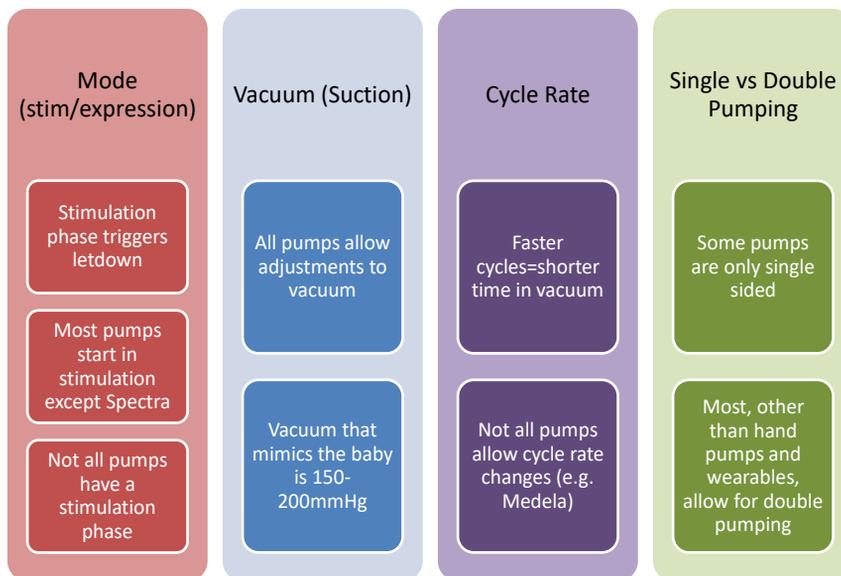
Proper use is imperative to protect milk production

It is important for lactating parents to know the proper settings to maximize milk expression. Just turning it on and leaving it on low vacuum can prevent the establishment of a healthy milk production

Proper fit needed to prevent injury

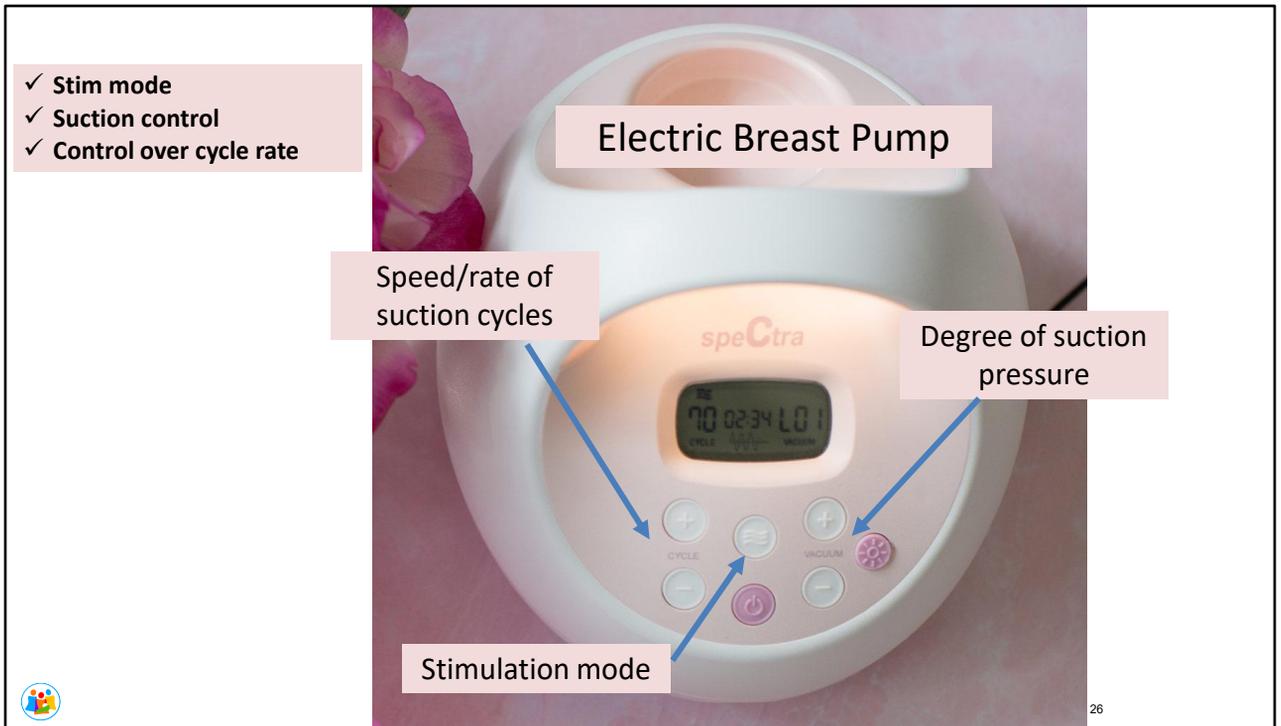
Parents need to know how to fit shields properly to prevent injury/pain and optimize milk flow

Control Options for Electric or Battery-Operated Breast Pumps

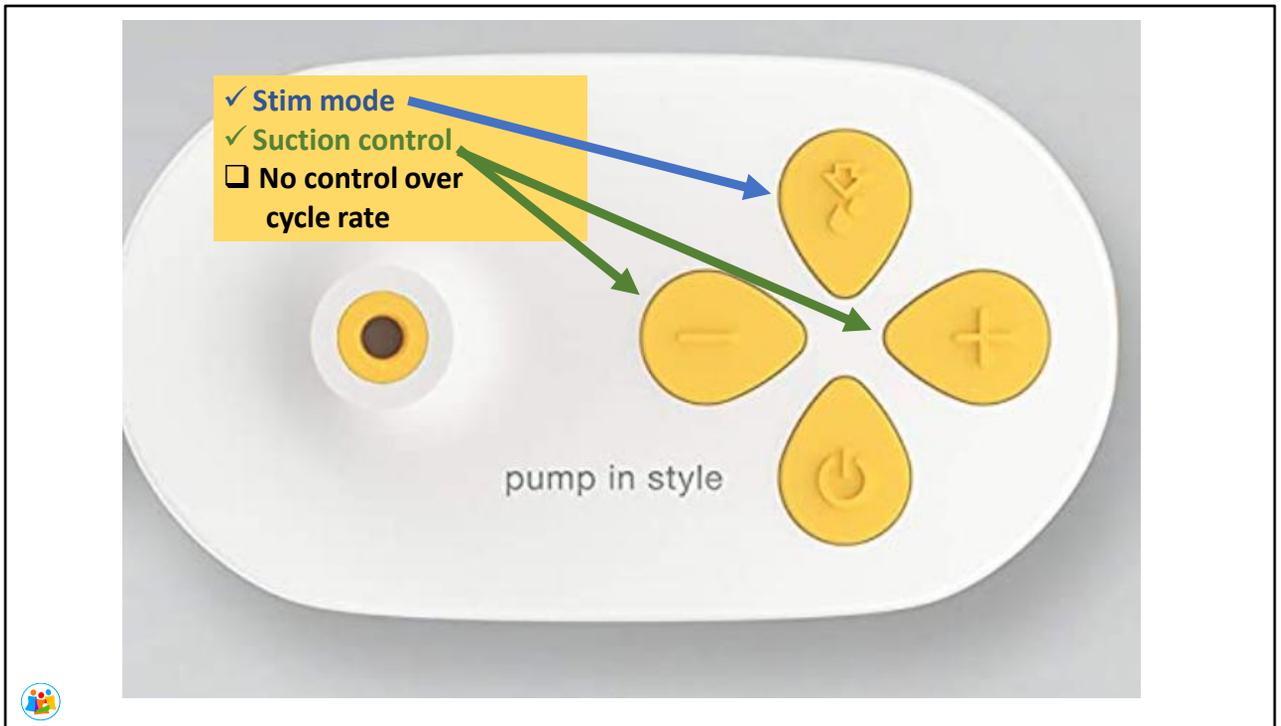


These are the control options for electric or battery operated breast pumps:

1. Stimulation/massage mode- this is meant to stimulate a let-down with fast, light suction. Not all pumps have this, and some pumps start on the stim mode, and others don't.
2. Amount of suction- nearly all pumps have an option to control how much suction there is, Ideally we would like the suction at -150 to -200mm Hg (=mm Mercury), since that is the typical suction that infants generate to remove milk when breastfeeding.
3. Rate of cycles- this is how fast cycles occur. Some are slow, such as 30-40 cycles every minute, and some are up to 60-70. Some pumps don't allow control over rate of pumping, and others do, as we will see in the upcoming photos.
4. Just about all pumps should allow for either single or double pumping



The Spectra breast pump has a stimulation mode, but it does not start on the stimulation mode. When turned on, the pump starts on the expression mode, and the person has to push the stimulation button to start the stimulation mode. It will stay in that mode until the button is pushed again. The user can control the amount of suction, and how fast the cycles occur, between 38-54 cycles per minute.



This is the newer pump in style. The controls are not much different from the older pump in style. The lower button turns it on, the buttons to the R and L control the suction strength, and the stimulation phase button is on top. It automatically starts in stimulation mode like the older version. There are not many differences in the older and newer pump in styles. Still no control over cycle rate.

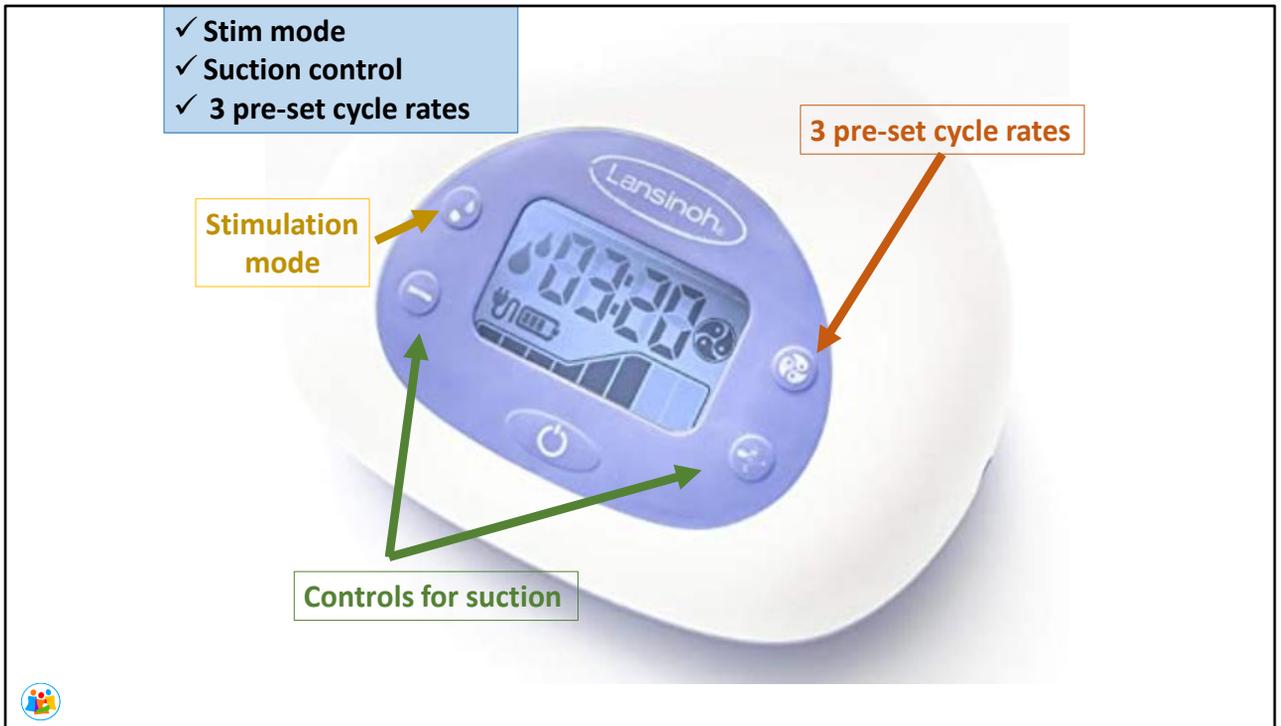
The newer pump in style has a different type of vacuum cycle, more like the Spectra than the old pump in style.

Unfortunately, with the new pump in style, you don't have any markings to indicate if you are in a high or lower pressure setting.

- No Stim mode
- ✓ Suction control
- ✓ Control over cycle rate



The Ameda Finesse pump does not have a stimulation mode. In order to make a stimulation mode, put the speed on high and the suction on low until milk flows. Then change to an expression mode by increasing suction and decreasing speed.



This pump has a stim mode in L upper corner, suction control with the + and – buttons, and the R upper button has 3 preset cycle rates to choose from

Wearable Pumps



Pros

Convenient

Quiet

Rechargeable

Cons

Can spill

Higher risk of not removing milk well

Limited volume

Can lose charge



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This person is wearing Elvie pumps, which have rechargeable batteries. Pros are that they are convenient, quiet, and rechargeable. The cons are that they can spill, they can hold limited volume, and can lose charge. Also, many people have difficulty removing sufficient milk with wearable pumps.



The 'on' button is below the word Elvie, and on top are the suction controls and the stim mode on top

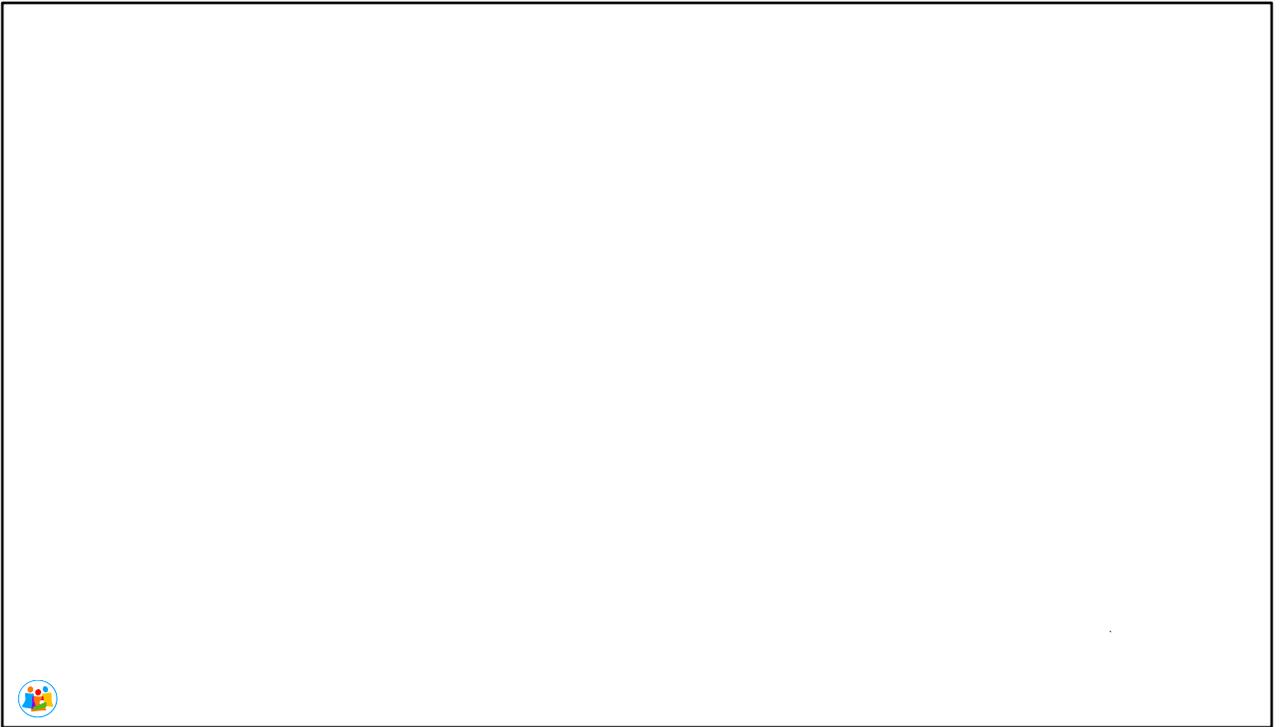


Pump Expression Video



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Lets watch the pump expression video, that will appear with the next click



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Manual vs Electric Pumps

- Manual pumps
 - slower, take longer
 - hand fatigue
 - quiet



- Electric pumps
 - double pumping stimulates higher production
 - faster
 - need electricity
 - louder



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General Differences Between Manual and Electric Pumps

Manual pumps

These are slower than electric pumps, and take longer to empty the breast. Hands can become fatigued or achy.

A manual breast pump is usually quiet compared to an electric pump.

Electric pumps

Double pumping is more stimulating to milk production than manual expression on 1 side. Double pumping raises the prolactin level higher than single-side pumping.

Electric breast pumps are usually faster than manual breast pumps, since the latter are single-sided.

Electric pumps need electricity, although many newer pumps have a battery pack option. Some of these pumps operate better with electricity than with the battery, because as the battery weakens, the suction is not as strong. Electric breast pumps typically create more noise than manual pumps.

Factor	Suggestion
Lowest cost	Manual pump
Intermittent use for a stay-at-home parent who plans to mainly nurse	Manual pump
Primary need is to increase milk production	Double electric pump
Baby is separated from Parent; NICU	Consider renting a hospital grade electric pump*
Parent is back to work	Double electric pump
Parent bottle feeds many feedings/day	Double electric pump
No access to an electrical outlet	Manual or battery-operated pump
Easy to transport	Lightweight pump in its own carrying case

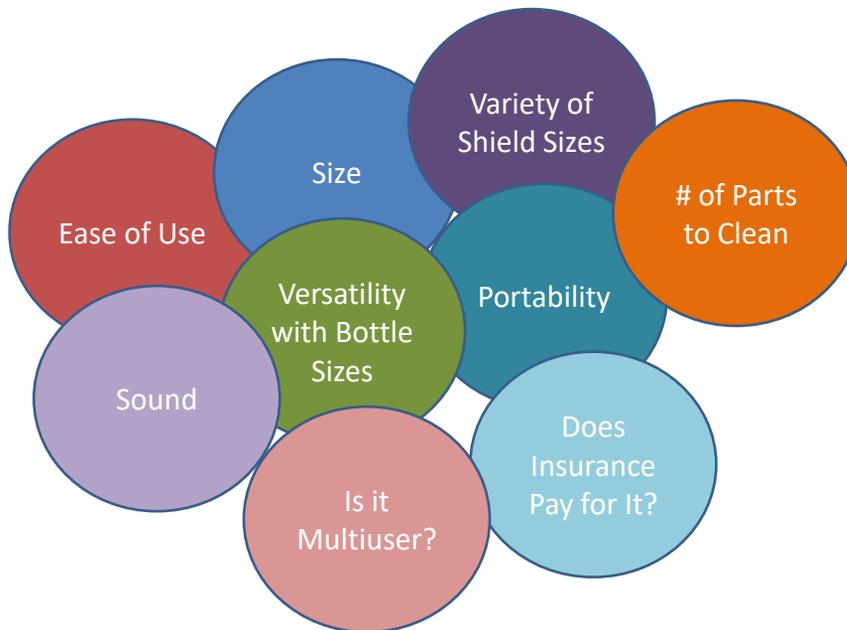
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This chart describes factors for a family to consider when choosing what breast pump to purchase.

The chart is self-explanatory

The * for the factor ‘Baby is separated from Mom, ie NICU’ follows the term ‘hospital grade electric pump’.

The * is present to clarify the fact that there is not an FDA definition of a ‘hospital grade electric pump’. These tend to be multi-use pumps that are more expensive. The manufacturers design, market and sell them as hospital grade without meeting any specific definition.



Factors to Consider When Choosing a Pump

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Other Factors in Choosing an Electric Pump- each circle blows in with each click

A large % of families choosing a pump will purchase an electric breast pump. Here are some factors in distinguishing between them:

Cost

The electric pumps vary in terms of cost. Sometimes there is a difference in cost depending on the country from where the pumps are purchased.

Easy-to-use instructions

Often a pump is not returnable. Try to purchase a pump from a store that allows you to look at the manual, touch the pump, and look at the parts.

of parts to clean- This is one factor some parents look for, knowing that they might not have much time to wash parts on their breaks

Easy to find extra parts?- they may live in a region where there are few resources to buy pump parts, and they don't like to shop online

Portable?- the pump may need to be carried around all day

Sound- is it loud?

Size- is the pump going to fit in their bag, or be easy to carry around

Portability- if the pump needs to be carried around all day, a lightweight and/or small pump with fewer parts may be preferred

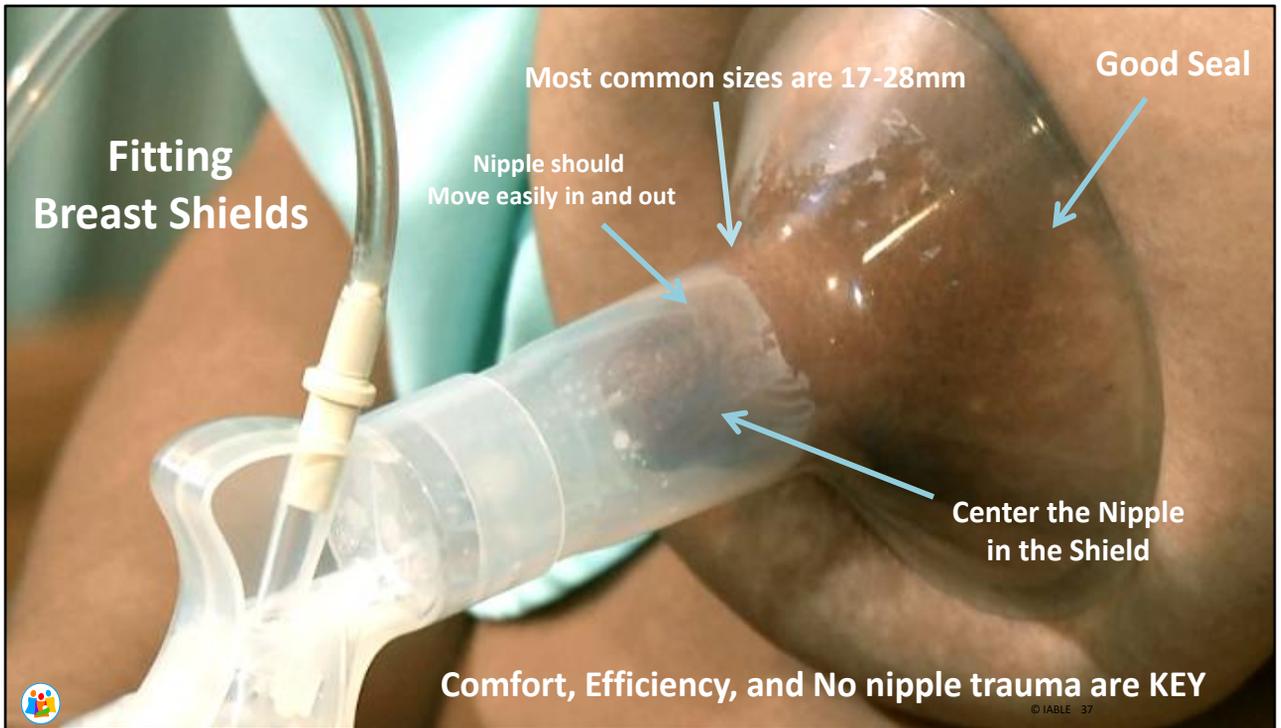
Versatility with other bottles- some people have a set of bottles, but the bottles don't fit with the pump. There are adapters that allow different sized bottles to fit with different pump parts.

Find out if her insurance will cover a pump

Rental may be covered when baby in NICU. According to the US Affordable Care Act, insurance companies are to cover lactation visits and pumps with no deductible. The rules are not very specific, so companies differ regarding what they pay for, and when parents may purchase the pumps. Some companies provide low quality hand pumps, whereas others pay for high quality electric pumps. Some give a \$ voucher and ask the family to use the \$ towards the pump of their choice.

Multi-user pump? Some are not.

Some electric pumps are not designed for more than 1 user. Many of the newer pumps are multi-user. In order for a pump to be multi-user, the pump should not be at risk for transferring germs from one person to another. If the pump's filter come into contact with the milk, and the filter cannot be changed from use to user, germs can be transmitted between users.



Fitting Breast Shields

Important- The following titles in bold will appear with each clicks

Most pumps come with a standard 24 mm shield

However, many parents need a different size, often a 17-28, and sometimes larger or smaller.

People should be fitted for shield size.

Nipple should not become 'stuck' in shaft

The nipple should move into the shaft of the shield and back out again with no significant friction, trauma or pain to the nipple. Point out what you mean by this

Good seal

Sometimes the portion of the shield that lies against the breast is ill-fitting, and does not allow for a vacuum. If air leaks thru, a vacuum won't be created, causing insufficient emptying.

Nipple is centered in the shield

Centering the nipple in the shield helps to decrease nipple trauma, and helps to empty the breast better.

Comfort and No nipple trauma are extremely important

The parent should feel that the nipple shield is comfortable. The parent should not experience sores, pain, cracks, or other trauma from the nipple shield.

Flange Video



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The flange video is embedded in this slide

Must be
Cleaned well,
INTACT,
and in PLACE



Duckbills are
essential for
vacuum



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Point out that if a parent does not notice any milk being removed, check the duck bill to make sure it is not torn or gaping open. They are essential in creating the vacuum, which draws the milk into the bottles.

IF they are not cleaned properly, milk fat and build up on them, and cause them to not open properly to let milk spill into the bottle.

Steps When Using a Pump

- Wash hands with soap and water
 - Use clean pump parts
- Assemble pump parts
- Find a comfortable place to pump



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Steps When Using a Pump

Wash hands with soap and water

Use clean pump parts. We will talk about cleaning pump parts shortly.

Assemble pump parts

Find a comfortable place to pump

Supportive chair for parent

Surface for the pump, that is near an electrical outlet

Adequate lighting

We will talk re tips to enhance let-down in a few minutes



Other Pumping Tips

- Hands-free system
- Start w/low suction or stimulation phase
- Increase to highest comfortable vacuum
- Manual expression during or after pumping as needed



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Other Pumping Tips

Consider a hands- free system

A hands-free bra, either purchased or made from a sports bra, is very helpful. This allows the parent to add manual compression. It also allows the parent to do other tasks while pumping, rather than focusing on milk expression.

Start on low suction and/or stimulation phase

Parents often find that this helps to reduce nipple pain, and will bring their let-downs faster. Some parents will use this phase after the first letdown to stimulate the next letdown

Increase to highest comfortable vacuum

Some parents do not learn to increase the pump vacuum to the highest tolerable level of suction in order to fully empty the breast. This increases the risk of insufficient milk production.

Add on manual expression during and/or after pumping, as needed.

Sometimes parents find that they have more complete emptying if they add manual expression. A good fitting pump at proper pressures should be sufficient to avoid needing to manually express. Parents with a high milk production may not need to add manual expression, since they may not be pumping to complete emptying.

Hands Free Pumping



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Hands-free pumping. Many lactating individuals do not realize the options that can help them pump hands free. The L upper is a commercial bra that zips in the front. The system on the upper R can be purchased. The hack at the L bottom is a way to use a nursing bra to hold pump parts. The bottom right is sports bra that is repurposed for pumping.

Freq/Duration of Pumping

- Pump every 3 hours
- Average duration = 12-20 minutes
- Average session = 2-3 let-downs
- High production
 - limit volume expressed
- IF pumping takes 25+ minutes, check flange size and vacuum setting



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Freq/Duration of Pumping

Most parents are encouraged to pump every 3 hours when they first return to work. As time goes on, after 6 months, they may be able to pump less often

Average is 12-20 minutes double pumping

Finish pumping after 2-3 let-downs

Some parents become confused about how long to pump because their milk will continue to flow as long as they continue to pump. We know that milk production is like an assembly line. Milk is manufactured constantly, and the rate of droplets is dependent on milk production, whether high or low. Parents with high milk production don't see the slow down in expression like parents who have an average milk production. A good rule of thumb is to instruct parents to pump thru 2-3 let-downs. A let-down is identified as a larger-volume, more forceful milk flow that will last for a few-several minutes, before flow tapers off again. Another way to guide parents is to instruct them to express milk until they reach the volume needed.

High Production

Parents with a high production might be able to express 10 or more ounces every 3-4 hours. Knowing that the baby only takes 4-5 ounces at a feeding, the parent should be instructed to gradually reduce the amount expressed to avoid over stimulation of milk production.

IF pumping takes 25+ minutes, check flange size and vacuum setting- there is likely something that can be corrected to make pumping for efficient.

CDC Guidelines for Cleaning Pump Parts

Clean Pump Kit

CLEAN BY HAND



Place pump parts in a clean wash basin used only for infant feeding items. **Do not place pump parts directly in the sink!**

Add soap and hot water to basin.

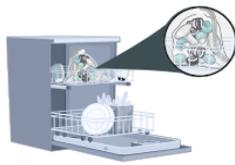
Scrub items using a clean brush used only for infant feeding items.

Rinse by holding items under running water, or by submerging in fresh water in a separate basin.

Air-dry thoroughly. Place pump parts, wash basin, and bottle brush on a clean, unused dish towel or paper towel in an area protected from dirt and dust. Do not use a dish towel to rub or pat items dry!

Clean wash basin and bottle brush. Rinse them well and allow them to air-dry after each use. Wash them by hand or in a dishwasher at least every few days.

OR CLEAN IN DISHWASHER



Clean pump parts in a dishwasher, if they are dishwasher-safe. Be sure to place small items into a closed-top basket or mesh laundry bag. Add soap and, if possible, **run the dishwasher using hot water and a heated drying cycle (or sanitizing setting).**

Remove from dishwasher with clean hands. If items are not completely dry, place items on a clean, unused dish towel or paper towel to air-dry thoroughly before storing. Do not use a dish towel to rub or pat items dry!



This chart is from the CDC on how to clean the pump kit. Point out to the attendees that they recommend a separate basin for washing, and not putting the pieces into the sink.

Review the points in this guideline



CDC Guidelines for Sanitizing Once a Day For Infants who are Premature, Ill, or < 3 months

3 options for sanitizing pump parts:

- Boil for 5 minutes, remove with tong
- Steam in a microwave bag or plug-in steam system
- Dishwasher on sanitize cycle



Sanitizing the pump parts is important when the infant is premature, ill, or less than 3 months of age. In these situations, it is recommended to sanitize once a day. This can be done via boiling parts for 5 minutes, steaming in a microwave bag, or by using the sanitize cycle of the dishwasher. Please explain these options

Milk Storage Containers

- Hard plastic bottles
 - BPA- free
- Glass bottles
- BM storage bags
 - Protect with added bag
 - Avoid food-grade freezer bags
- Wash bottles in hot soapy water or dishwasher



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Milk Storage Containers

Options for milk storage include the following:

Hard plastic bottles

BPA- free

Glass bottles

Sturdy plastic bags for BM storage

Use plastic bags that are designated for breastmilk storage. These are thicker, less likely to become contaminated

Protect with added bag. This helps to avoid punctures in the freezer. Also, when the milk is thawed, any microtears in the bag will leak.

Standard freezer bags at higher risk tears/leaks, higher contamination

Wash bottles in hot soapy water or dishwasher before use.

HUMAN MILK STORAGE GUIDELINES*

TYPE OF BREAST MILK	STORAGE LOCATIONS AND TEMPERATURES		
	Countertop 77°F (25°C) or colder (room temperature)	Refrigerator 40 °F (4°C)	Freezer 0 °F (-18°C) or colder
Freshly Expressed or Pumped	Up to 4 Hours	Up to 4 Days	Within 6 months is best Up to 12 months is acceptable
Thawed, Previously Frozen	1-2 Hours	Up to 1 Day (24 hours)	NEVER refreeze human milk after it has been thawed
Leftover from a Feeding (baby did not finish the bottle)	Use within 2 hours after the baby is finished feeding		

*Recommended storage times are important to follow for best quality.

Information is adapted from the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine's (ABM) Clinical Protocol #8: Human Milk Storage Information for Home Use for Full-Term Infants, Revised 2017.



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This is a chart from The Center for Disease Control, June 2025

Point out the following:

Cooler bag is no longer in the chart, since there is very little evidence regarding storage in a cooler bag

Refrigerator- 4 days in the refrigerator is optimal. It can go right to the freezer after the 4th day.

Freezer- Try to keep the milk deep in the back of the freezer to prevent periodic defrosting with frequent opening/closing of freezer. There is no longer a separate recommendation for a freezer with a separate door from the refrigerator, and a deep freezer, since the temps are quite similar. There are no studies looking at the difference in storage between the 2 slightly different temperatures of these freezers.

Additional Milk Storage Recommendations (CDC website)

STORE

Label milk with the date it was expressed and the child's name if delivering to childcare.

Store milk in the back of the freezer or refrigerator, not the door.

Freeze milk in **small amounts of 2 to 4 ounces** to avoid wasting any.



When freezing, leave an inch of space at the top of the container; breast milk expands as it freezes.

Milk can be stored in an insulated cooler bag with frozen ice packs for **up to 24 hours** when you are traveling.

If you don't plan to use freshly expressed milk **within 4 days**, freeze it right away.



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Please review these guidelines from the CDC



Using Expressed Milk

- Fresh
 - Heat in warm water
- Frozen
 - Defrost in a warm water bath or overnight in refrigerator
 - Use within 24 hours after thawed
 - Use within a few hours after it is warmed
- **Never reheat in a microwave!!**

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Using Expressed Milk

Fresh

Heat in warm water

Frozen

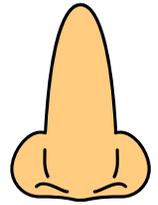
Defrost in a warm water bath or overnight in refrigerator

Use within 24 hours after thawed, according to CDC and USDA guidelines

Use within a few hours after it is warmed

Never reheat in a microwave!! A microwave will create dangerous hot spots. In addition, the microwave alters proteins in the milk.

All Stored Breastmilk has a Smell



- Due to an enzyme lipase breaking up the fat in the milk.
 - “high lipase” is not true- everyone has lipase!
 - Keep the bottle/bag airtight to decrease odor
- The longer it is stored in frig or freezer, the more it smells
 - Fresh milk is the least smelly
- Scalding milk is NOT recommended
 - Scalding destroys milk properties
- Most babies don’t care about the smell
 - We eat stinky foods- cheese, fish, eggs, cooked broccoli/cauliflower



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Due to an enzyme lipase breaking up the fat in the milk. Everyone has this enzyme!!

The enzyme is meant to help the baby digest the milk in the stomach

Not due to excessive lipase- this is a major misunderstanding.

Keep the bottle/bag airtight to decrease odor

The longer it is stored in frig or freezer, the more it smells (the more the milk breaks down)

Fresh milk is the least smelly

Scalding milk is NOT recommended

Scalding destroys milk properties

Most babies don’t care about the smell

Think about the stinky things you eat- cheese, fish, eggs, cooked broccoli/cauliflower



What are some topics for lactating employees to discuss with their employers before returning to work?



Return to Work

- Discuss lactation needs with employer
 - Where they will pump or nurse their infant
 - Longer lunch times to nurse the baby
 - Altered work schedule
 - Part time work the first few weeks



Source: US Breastfeeding Committee

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Return to Work

Discuss lactation needs with employer

Longer lunch times to nurse the baby, Altered work schedule, Part time work the first few weeks.

Share the PUMP ACT

A copy of this US law is in the appendix of the curriculum booklet. Not all employers know about this law, so mothers are encouraged to share the law with the human resources department at work.

Return to Work

- Learn tips from other lactating parents at the workplace
- Take as much postpartum leave as possible
- Store 1-4 oz (30-120ml) of breastmilk/day starting at 3 weeks pp
- Store in 2-4 oz (60-120ml) increments
- Introduce a bottle before going back to work



Source: US Breastfeeding Committee

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Return to Work

Learn tips from other moms at the worksite

Encourage lactating parents to find out tricks/tips from other parents who have successfully pumping at their place of work

Take as much postpartum leave as possible.

Once the babies are 3 months, they are often taking at least one 5 hour break at night, so lactating parents are more rested and ready for work

Store 1-4 oz of breastmilk a day starting at 3 weeks pp

A good way to start storing milk for work is to pump after the first 2 feedings in the am, when production is the highest. If parents just expresses an extra 1-2 ounces after each of those feeds, they will end up storing about 1-4 ounces a day for at least 1-2 months. They will have plenty in the freezer by the time they go back to work. A freezer full of milk is not needed to go back to work, just enough for the first day.

Store in 2-4 oz increments

Explain to parents that the babies will take 2-4 oz in a bottle, usually closer to 4 ounces. The 2 oz volumes can be used to satisfy a hungry baby who is waiting for the parent to pick him up.

Introduce a bottle before going back to work

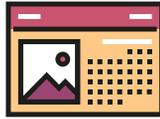
A good time to introduce a bottle is about 3 weeks postpartum. Have another parent/caregiver give the bottle. If done once a day several days a week, the baby should be fine with bottle feeding when the lactating parent goes back to work.

The PUMP Act

US Fair Labor Standards Act



- No defined frequency for breaks
- Break time must be 'reasonable' in duration



- Allowed for 1 year after the child's birth



- Not in bathroom
- Sink not required
- 'Functional space'
- Shielded from view
- Free from intrusion from others
- Available when needed



- Employer not required to pay for uncompensated breaks unless not relieved of duties
- Applies to nearly all workers
- Workers have the right to pursue legal action if not supported



<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pump-at-work>

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Share the PUMP ACT

A copy of this US law is in the appendix of the curriculum booklet. Employers should know this law, so mothers are encouraged to share the law with the human resources department at work.

Time- the law does not specify the # of breaks that are allowed, but rather states that the breaks should be allowed as per the individual's needs, for a reasonable amount of time

Duration- this applies to the first year of lactation.

Location- a bathroom is not allowed. The room does not require a sink. It needs to be a functional space for milk expression or nursing, free from view of others and not at risk for intrusion from coworkers or the public. It also needs to be available when needed

\$- the employer is not required to pay for the lactation breaks, but workers can use their compensated breaks for lactation.

The PUMP act grants workers the right to pursue legal action if lactation is not supported

Promoting a Letdown at Work



'Experience' the baby

- Photos/video
- Article of clothing/blanket
- Audio of the baby



Get Comfy!

- Music
- Eat/drink
- Distract
- Feel safe



- Massage/tickle breasts
- Rub nipples
- Warm packs



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Promoting a Letdown at Work

Think about the baby

Audiovisual stimulation such as photos, an audio recording, or video help to stimulate the oxytocin release.

A baby blanket or article of clothing to feel/smell will help letdown

Get comfy!

Secure spot that won't be interrupted, and try not to think re the stress of work!

Use music for mood/relaxation. Or, treat oneself to a favorite snack, beverage, or a meal

Massage the breasts/rub nipples to promote letdown, can also try warm packs

Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare

- Many states have toolkits for breastfeeding-friendly childcare centers (WI, RI, MN, CO, etc)
- What are ways that childcare facilities and providers can support breastfeeding?



Source: US Breastfeeding Committee

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Parents are encouraged to ask daycares when interviewing, about their experience and attitude about giving babies breastmilk. Not all are supportive. There are many states that have toolkits for childcare centers to be breastfeeding friendly. A few states have these on the web, and are listed in the slide.

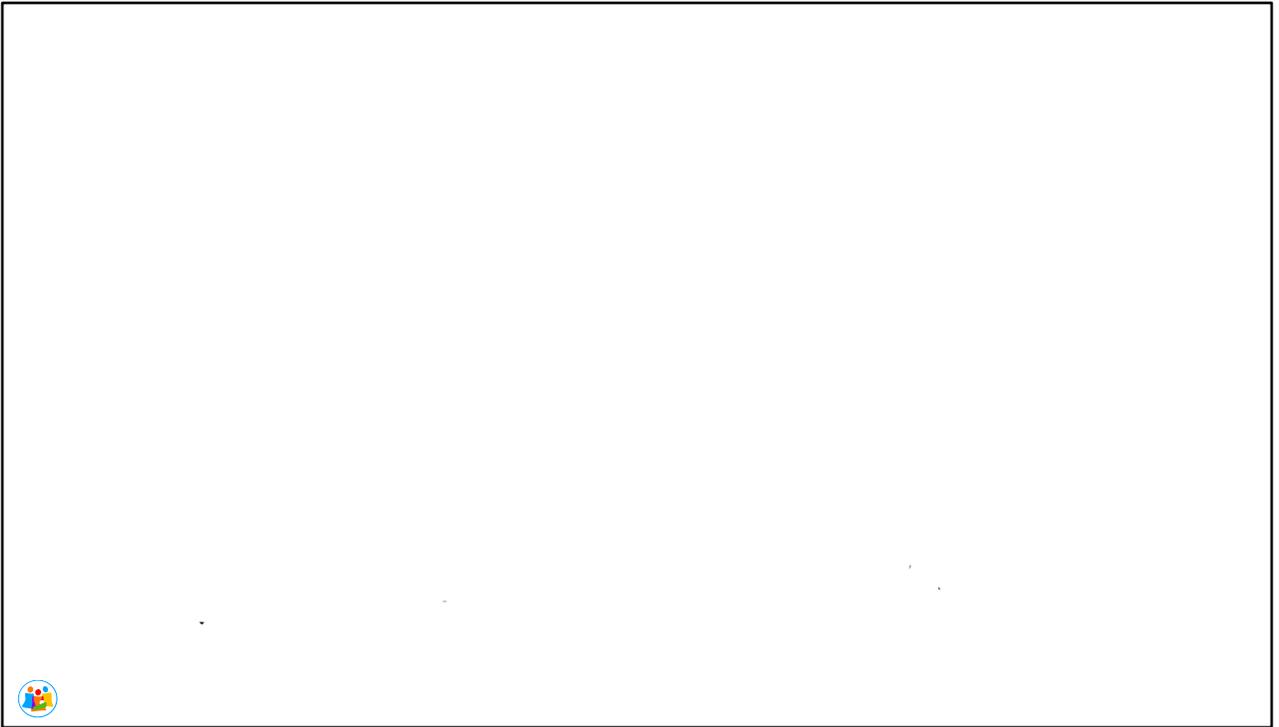
Conclusions Session 7

- Pump selection is based on individual needs
- Parents often need guidance on proper breast shield (flange) size
- Offer counseling to parents on human milk storage for work
- Parents often need guidance and preparation for going back to work while lactating.



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Read these as the conclusion



This slide has the video on pumps, which is a silent video that you can discuss with participants. It is about 32 minutes.