

Baby is Out!

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 When was the last time you responded to a newborn resuscitation?

10% of deliveries require additional interventions.

 Complications and mortality and morbidity increase as weight and age decrease.



#### Situations That Cause Concern....

- Multiple Gestation
- Age during pregnancy <16yo, >35yo
- >42 weeks gestation
- Pre-existing medical condition (HTN, Preeclampsia, Diabetes)
- Decreased fetal movement

# Some More Situations That Cause Concern....

- Early rupture of amniotic sac
- Lack of prenatal care
- Prior history of fetal difficulties

- Drug or alcohol use during pregnancy
- Maternal Infections
- Known high risk OB patient
- Bleeding during pregnancy



- Newborn stabilization:
  - Warming
  - Positioning
  - Clearing the airway
  - Drying, stimulating breathing

- Neonatal resuscitation:
  - Airway
  - Breathing
  - Circulation



#### Additional resuscitation steps

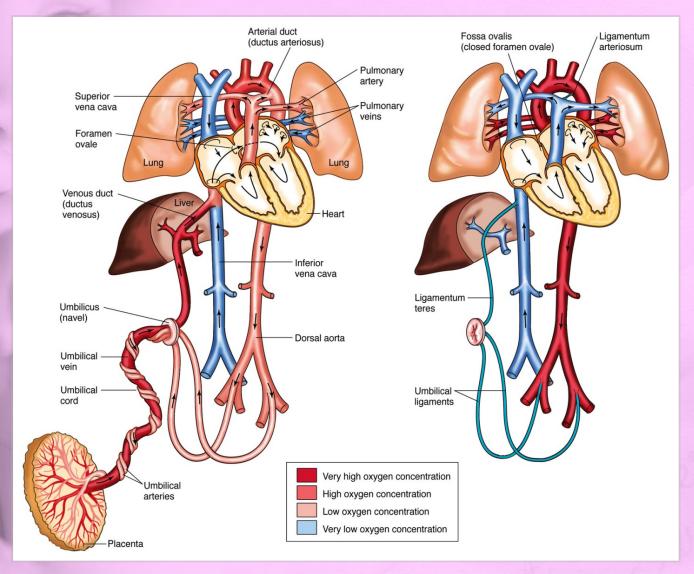
- Supplemental oxygen
- Positive pressure ventilatory assistance
- Chest compressions
- Medications
- Intubation



#### The First Breath and The Transition

- Triggered by mild hypoxia and hypercapnia.
- Pulmonary vascular resistance drops as the lungs fill with air.
- More blood flows to the lungs.

#### The Blood Flow....before and after



## What happens if the Breathing is Delayed?

- Delayed transition
- Hypoxia
- Brain injury
- Death



## Here it Comes....Get Ready

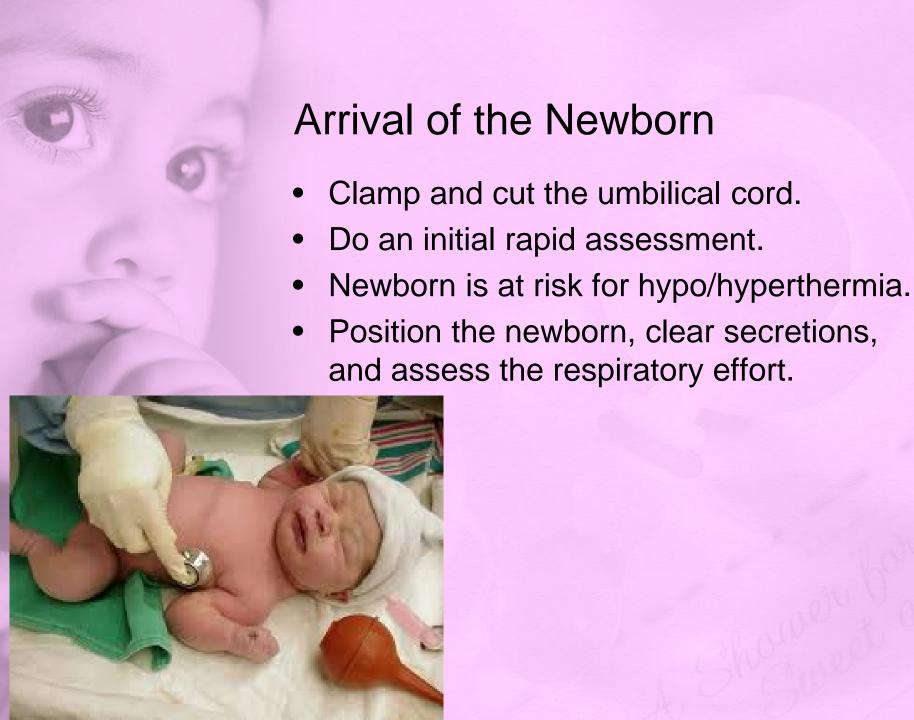
- Obtain patient history
- Prepare delivery area
  - Minimum needs:
    - Warm, dry blankets
    - Bulb syringe
    - Two small clamps or ties
    - A pair of clean scissors
    - Anything else?



#### Arrival of the Newborn

- Use blankets to warm and dry the newborn.
- Confirm ABCs.
- Place on mother's chest.
- Suction mouth, then nose.
- Keep newborn at level of mother.







- If the newborn begins to turn pink in the first 5 minutes:
  - Maintain ongoing observation.
  - Continue thermoregulation with direct skin-to-skin contact with mother.



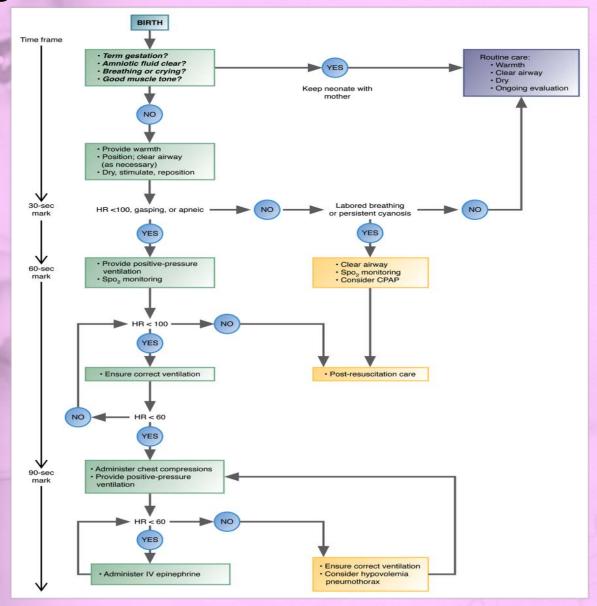
#### The Apgar Score

- Helps record condition at birth
  - If score is less than seven, redo every
    5 minutes until 20 minutes after birth.

Table 5 The Apgar Sco	ore
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Condition	Description	Score
Appearance-skin color	Completely pink Body pink, extremities blue Centrally blue, pale	2 1 0
<b>P</b> ulse rate	> 100 < 100, > 0 Absent	2 1 0
<b>G</b> rimace-irritability	Cries Grimaces No response	2 1 0
Activity-muscle tone	Active motion Some flexion of extremities Limp	2 1 0
<b>R</b> espiratory-effort	Strong cry Slow and irregular Absent	2 1 0

# Algorithm for Neonatal Resuscitation

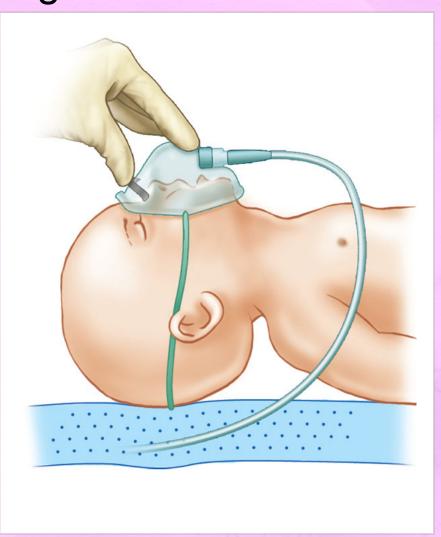




## **Drying and Stimulation**

- Nasal suctioning stimulates breathing.
  - Position on the back or side in sniffing position.
  - If airway is not clear, suction with the head turned to the side.
- Flick the soles of the feet and rub the back.

- Free-flow oxygen
  - If cyanotic or pale, provide oxygen.
  - If PPV is not indicated, oxygen can initially be delivered through:
    - Oxygen mask
    - Oxygen tubing





- Oral airways
  - Conditions:
    - Bilateral choanal atresia
    - Pierre Robin sequence
    - Macroglossia
    - Craniofacial defects
  - In all these cases (except bilateral choanal atresia), an ET tube is inserted down a nostril.











- Bag-mask ventilation
  - Indicated if newborn:
    - Is apneic
    - Has inadequate respiratory effort
    - Has a pulse rate of less than 100
       beats/min after stimulation efforts



- Bag-mask ventilation (cont'd)
  - Correct ventilation time: 40 to 60 breaths/min
  - Causes of ineffective bag-mask ventilation:
    - Inadequate mask seal on the face
    - Incorrect head position
    - Copious secretions
    - Pneumothorax
    - Equipment malfunction

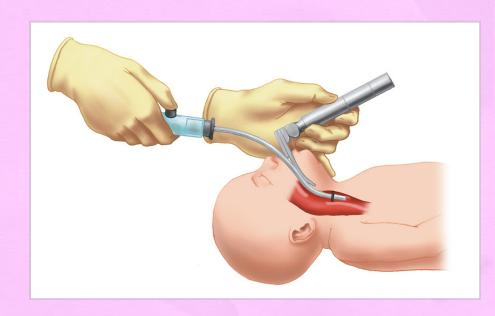
- Intubation
  - Indications:



- Meconium-stained fluid, nonvigorous newborn
- Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- ET administration of epinephrine needed
- Prolonged PPV needed
- Craniofacial defects impeding airway

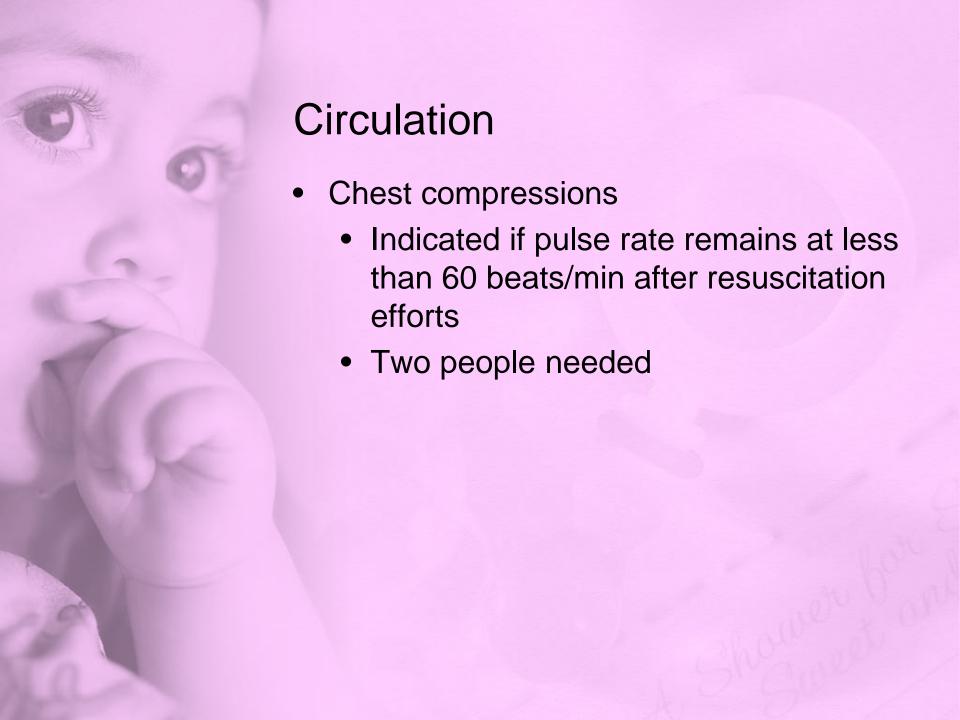


- Assessment and management
  - If depressed:
    - Clear meconium from airway.
    - Intubate trachea.
    - Suction ET tube while withdrawing from the trachea.





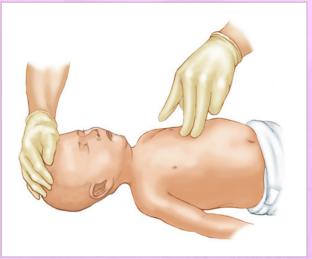




#### Circulation

- Chest compressions (cont'd)
  - Two techniques:
    - Thumb technique
    - Two-finger technique







#### Circulation

- Chest compressions (cont'd)
  - Rate: 120 minute
  - Ratio: 3 compressions/1 ventilation
  - Depth: one third of the anteroposterior diameter
    - 0.5" to 0.75"
  - Do not deliver simultaneously with artificial ventilation.



#### Circulation

- Chest compressions (cont'd)
  - If pulse rate is above 60 beats/min:
    - Chest compressions can be stopped.
    - Continue ventilation at 40 to 60 breaths/min.
    - Recheck pulse rate after 30 seconds.
  - If rate goes above 100 beats/min, gradually slow the rate and decrease PPV pressure.

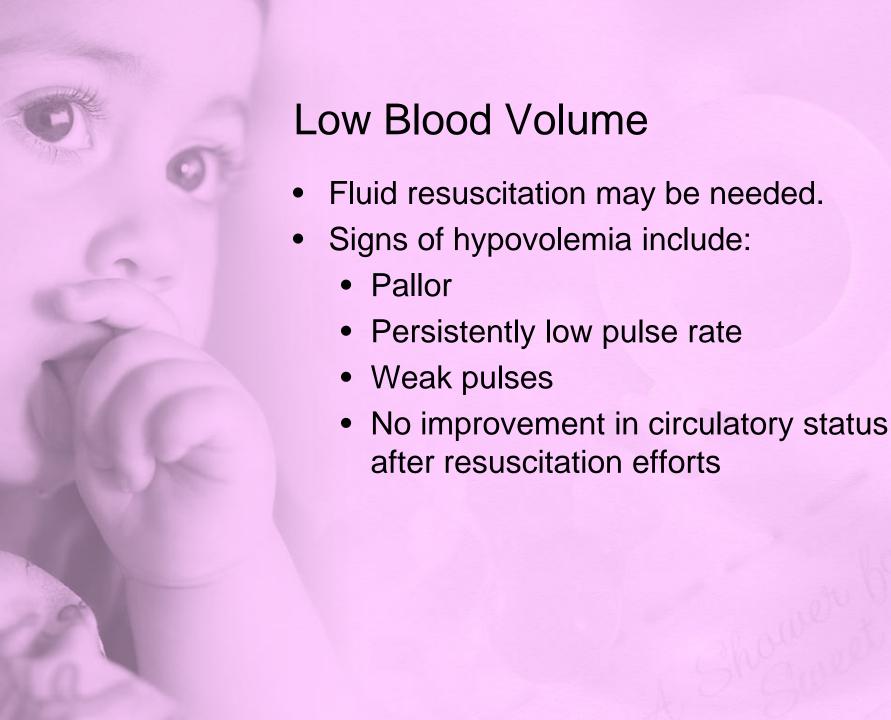


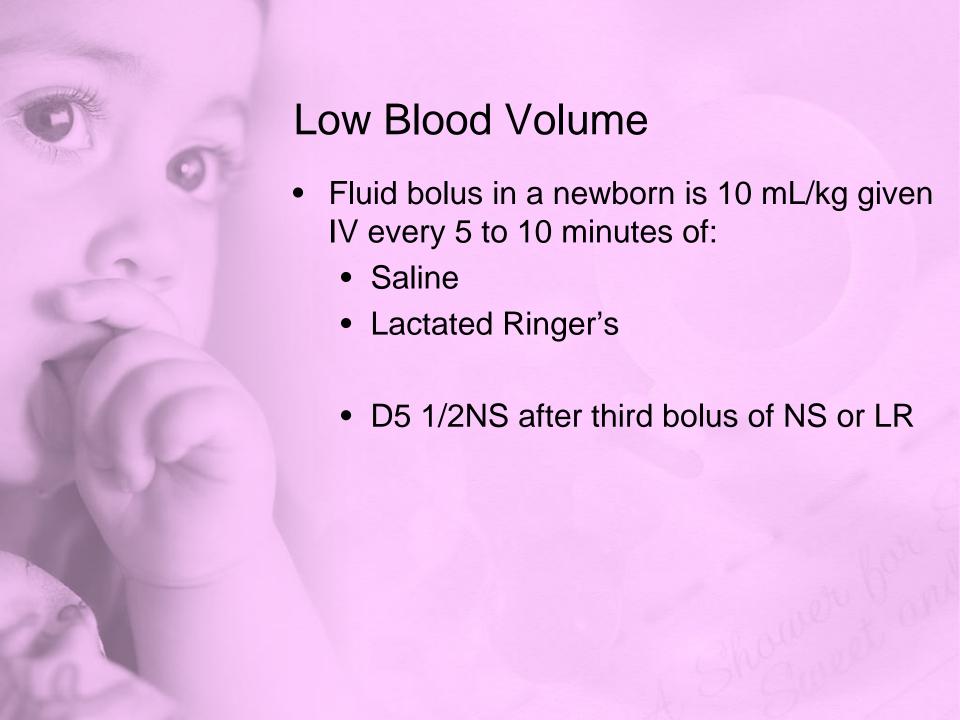


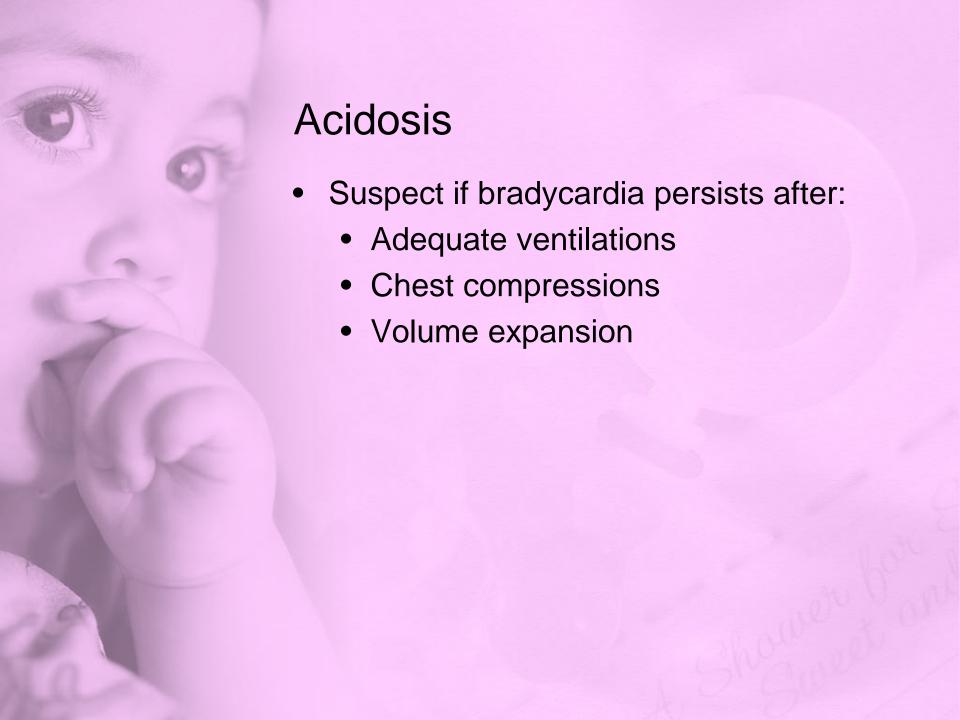


#### Bradycardia

- Hypoxia?????
- Often will respond to PPV
- Epinephrine administration is indicated for pulse rate of less than 60 beats/min.
  - Check pulse rate 1 minute after administration.
  - May repeat dose every 3 to 5 minutes



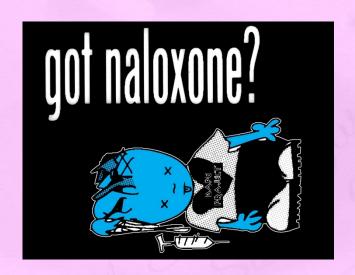




### Respiratory Depression from Narcotics

- Respiratory suppression from use of narcotics:
  - Provide ventilator support.
  - Transport immediately.

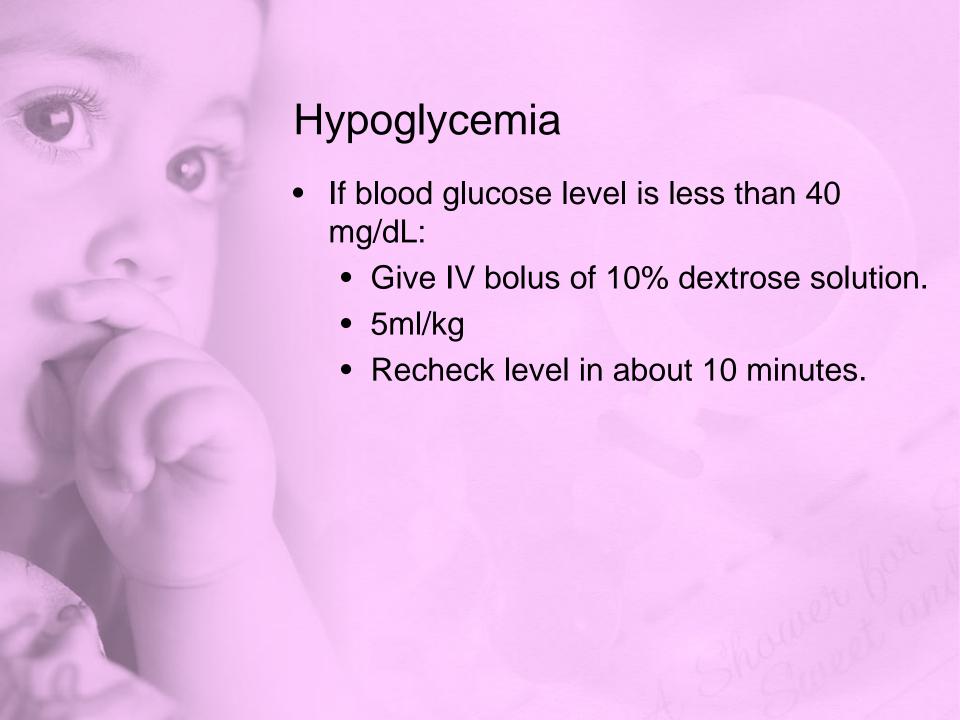
- Respiratory depression from acute treatment with narcotics:
  - Administer 0.1 mg/kg of naloxone.





- Neurologic symptoms:
  - Decreased stimuli response
  - Hypotonia
  - Apnea
  - Poor feeding
  - seizures

 Obtain baseline vital signs and oxygen saturation readings.



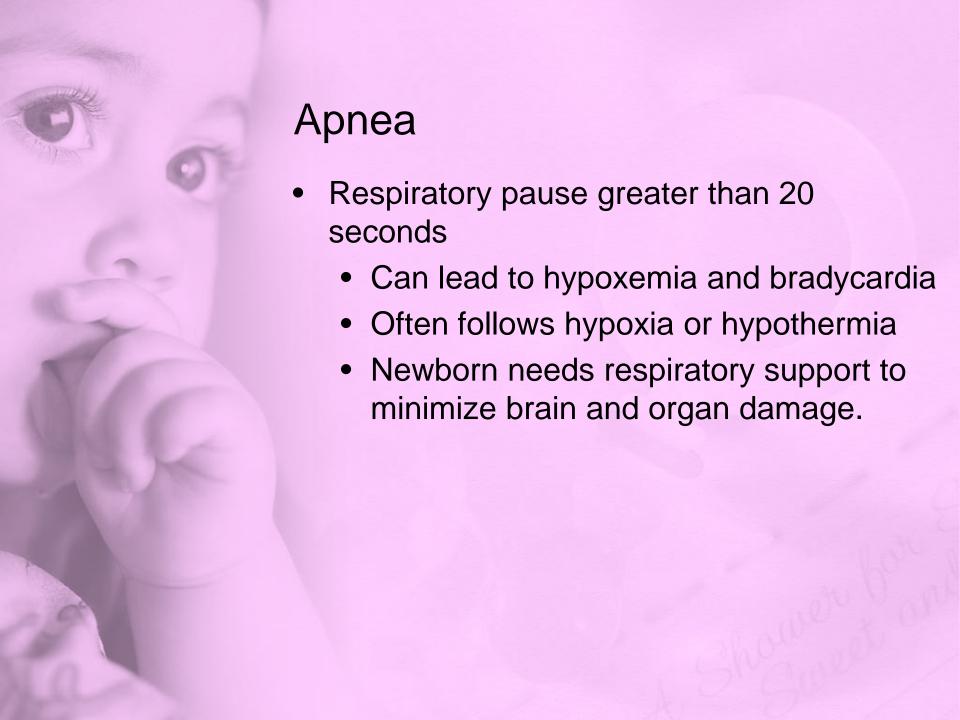


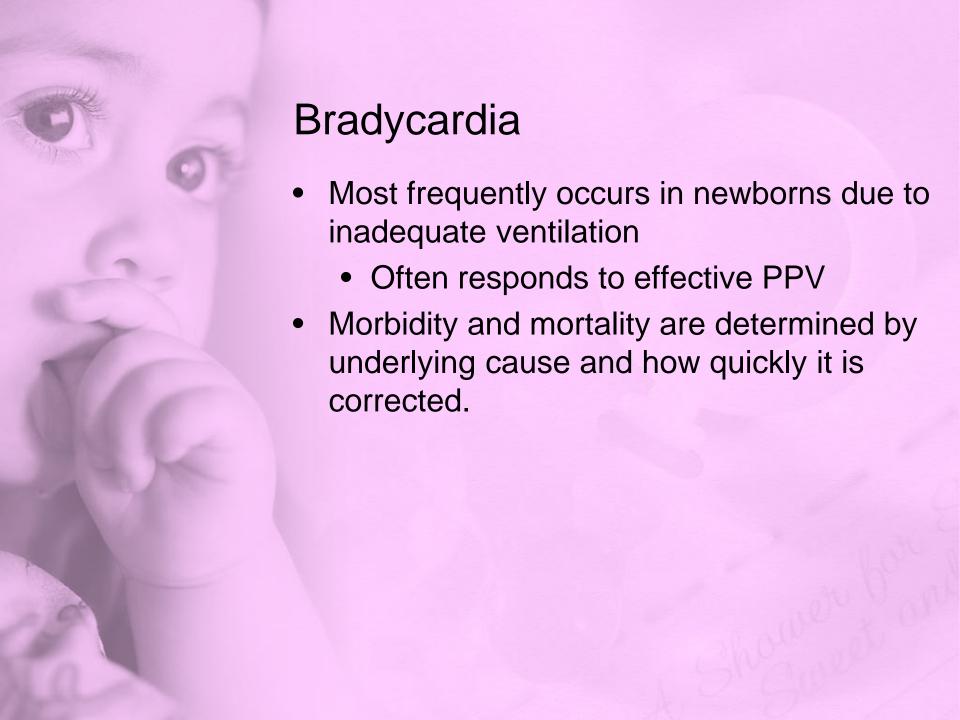


## Family and Transport Considerations

- Transport of a high-risk newborn:
  - Physician at referring hospital initiates request.
  - Mode of transportation is chosen.
  - Transport team is mobilized and equipment assembled.
  - On arrival, transport team continues to stabilize the newborn.







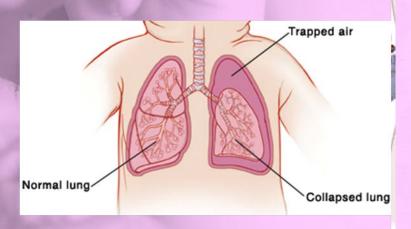


#### Bradycardia

- Assessment and management
  - Heart rate less than 100 beats/min: provide PPV.
  - If still less than 60 beats/min:
    - Begin chest compressions.
  - If still less than 60 beats/min:
    - Administer epinephrine.
    - Repeat every 3 to 5 minutes for persistent bradycardia.

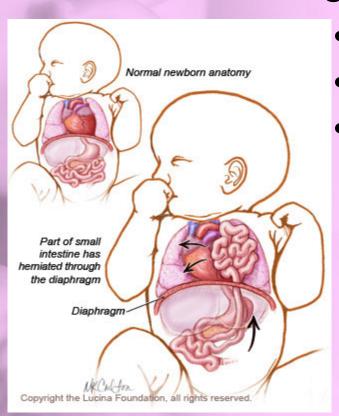


- · Can occur if:
  - Infant inhales meconium
  - Lung is weakened by infection
- Signs of significant pneumothorax:
  - Severe respiratory distress unresponsive to PPV
  - Unilateral decreased breath sounds





- An abnormal opening in the diaphragm
- Signs and symptoms include:
  - Respiratory distress
  - Heart sounds shifted to the right
  - Bowel sounds heard in the chest





# Respiratory Distress and Cyanosis

- Single most common cause is prematurity
  - Respiratory causes
  - Other causes:
    - Shunting of blood across the patent ductus arteriosus and patent foramen ovale
    - Central nervous system depression
    - Septic shock and severe metabolic acidosis
    - Cardiac anomalies



# Respiratory Distress and Cyanosis

- Assessment and management
  - Ensure patent airway.
  - Check breathing is adequate.
  - Check pulse is present.
  - Assess respirations.
  - Ask about increased symptoms with feeding.



### Premature and Low Birth Weight Infants

- Premature—delivered before37 weeks of gestation
  - Increased mortality
  - Associated morbidities



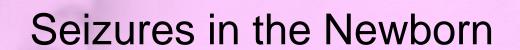


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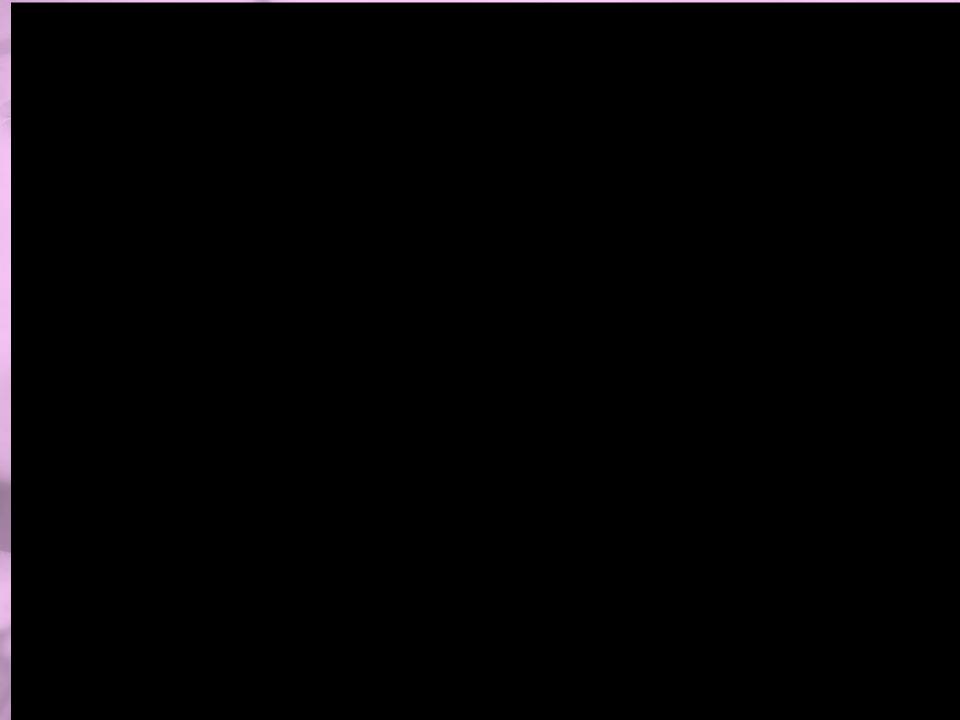
- Low birth weight—newborns weighing less than 5½ lb (2,500 g)
- Morbidity and mortality are related to degree of prematurity.
- To optimize survival in the field:
  - Provide cardiorespiratory support.
  - Provide thermoneutral environment.
  - Use only minimum pressure necessary to move chest when providing PPV.



- Assessment and management
  - Management focuses on:
    - Clearing airway
    - Gentle stimulation
    - Providing supplemental oxygen and PPV if needed
    - Providing chest compressions
    - Maintaining a warm environment



- Most distinctive sign of neurologic disease
- Identified by direct observation in the field
  - Diagnosis is confirmed in the hospital.
- Usually related to an underlying abnormality
- Prolonged seizures may cause brain injury.



#### Seizures in the Newborn

- Types of seizures:
  - Subtle seizure
  - Tonic seizure
  - Focal clonic seizure
  - Myoclonic seizure

#### Table 8 Causes of Neonatal Seizures

- Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
- Intracranial infections (meningitis)
- Hypoglycemia
- Other metabolic disturbances
- Epileptic syndromes
- Intracranial hemorrhage
- Development defects
- Hypocalcemia
- Meningitis
- Encephalopathy
- Drug withdrawal



#### Hypoglycemia

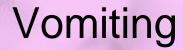
- Assessment and management
  - Symptoms may be nonspecific.
  - Check blood glucose level and vital signs.
  - Manage hypoglycemia after ABCs.
  - Maintain normal body temperature.



- Common in newborns
- Persistent in first 24 hours may indicate:
  - Upper digestive tract obstruction
  - Increased intracranial pressure
- Vomitus aspiration may cause respiratory insufficiency or airway obstruction.

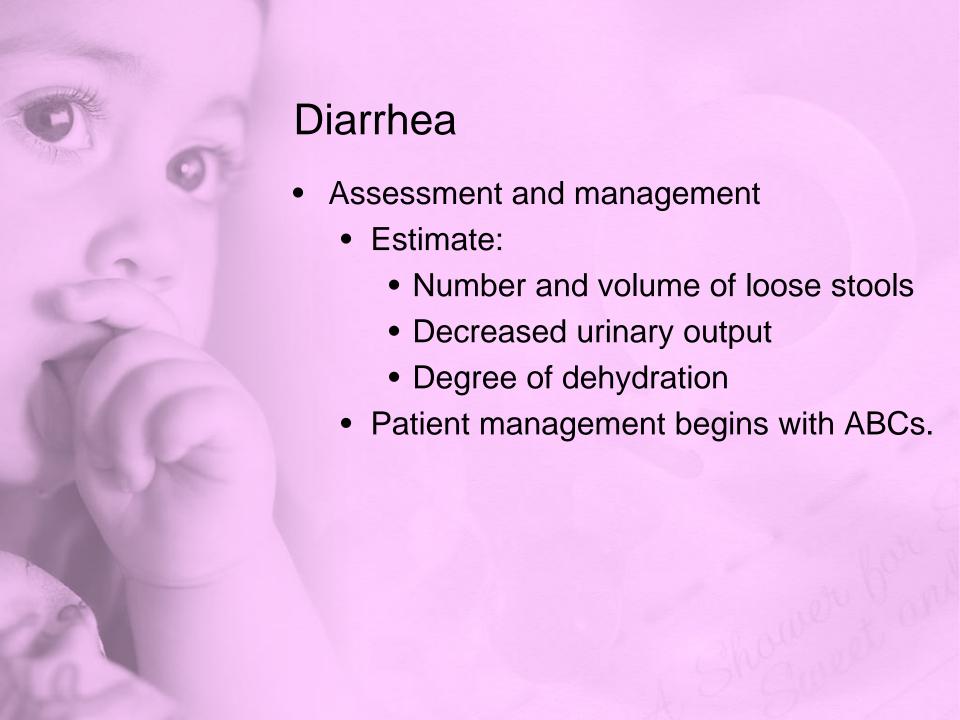






- Assessment and management
  - Start management with ABCs.
  - Consider decompressing the stomach.
  - May need fluid resuscitation if dehydrated
  - Place newborn on the side when transporting.

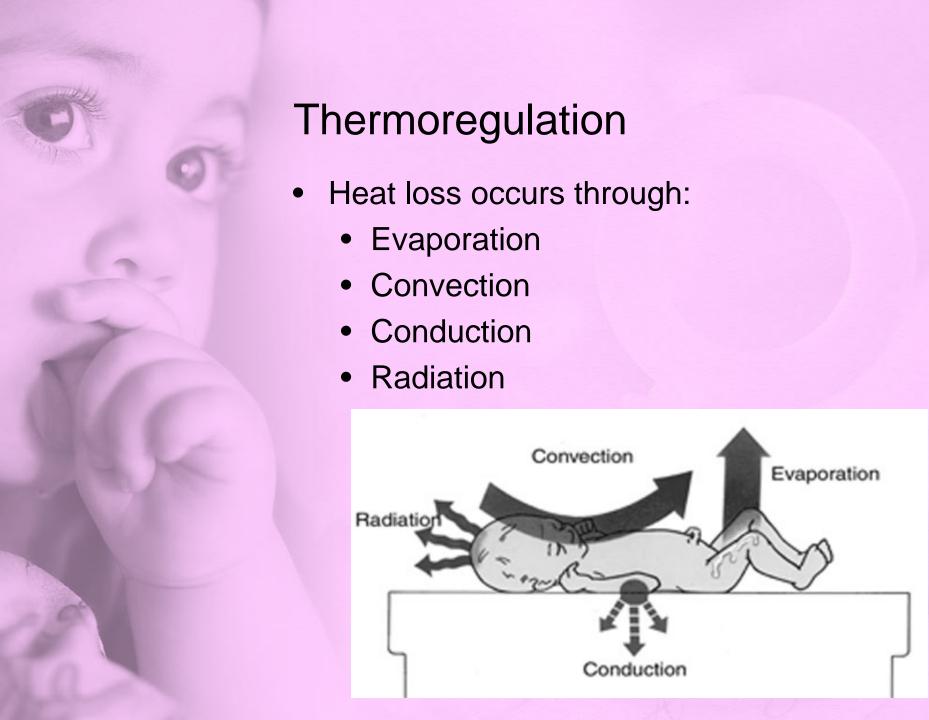






### Thermoregulation

- Thermoregulation limited in newborns
  - Average normal temperature of newborn—37°C (99.5°F)
  - Range for neonate—36.6°C to 37.2°C (97.9°F to 99°F)





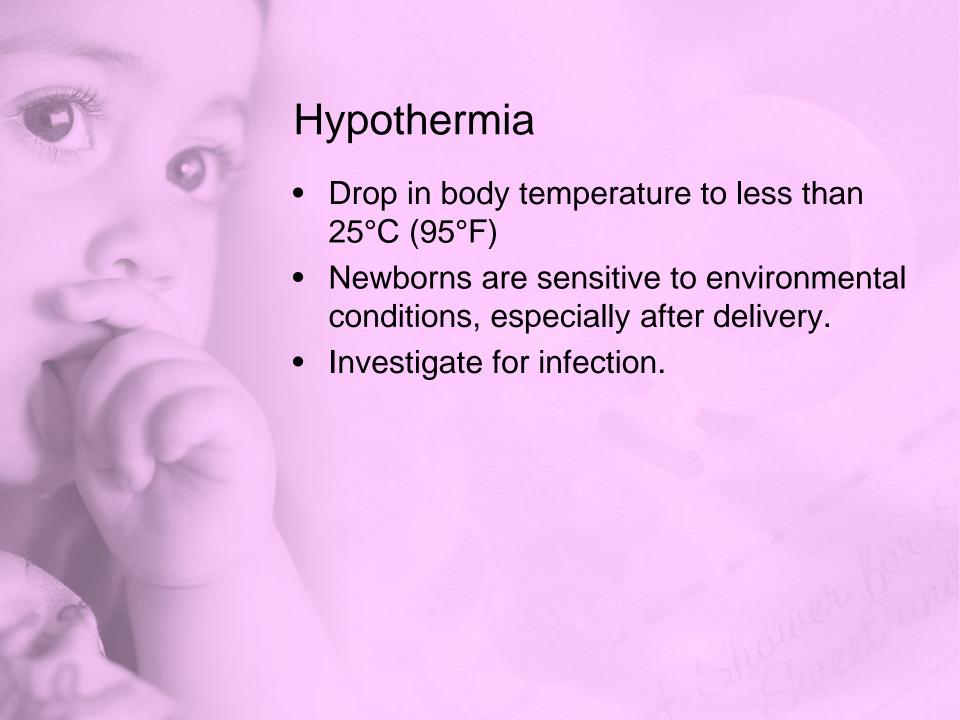




- Assessment and management
  - Examine for rashes.
  - Obtain history.
  - Note increased respiratory rate.
  - Obtain vital signs and ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation.



Courtesy of CDC.





Assessment and management

Hypothermic newborns may be:

- Cool to the touch
- Pale with acrocyanosis
- Presentation may include:
  - Decreased respiratory effort
  - Apnea
  - Sclerema





### Hypothermia

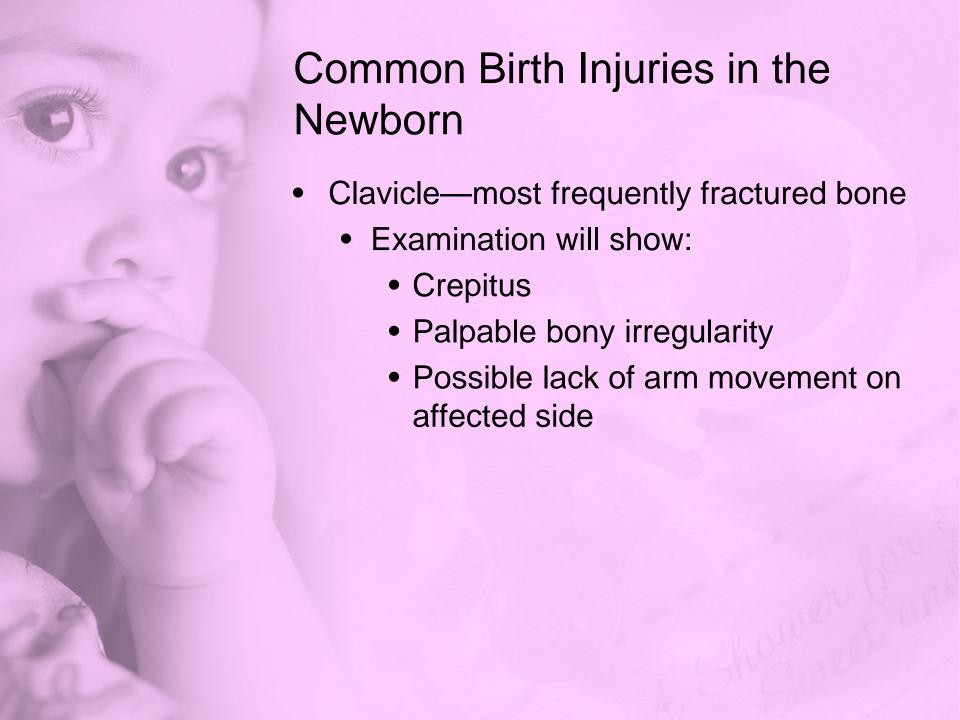
- Assessment and management (cont'd)
  - Preventive measures include:
  - Warming hands before touching the newborn
  - Drying thoroughly after birth
  - Placing a cap on the head.
  - Placing the newborn "skin-to-skin" with mother

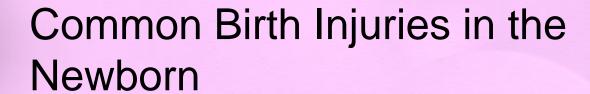


### Common Birth Injuries in the Newborn

- Birth trauma injuries include:
  - Those involving instruments during delivery
  - Excessive molding of the head
  - Caput succedaneum
  - Cephalhematoma





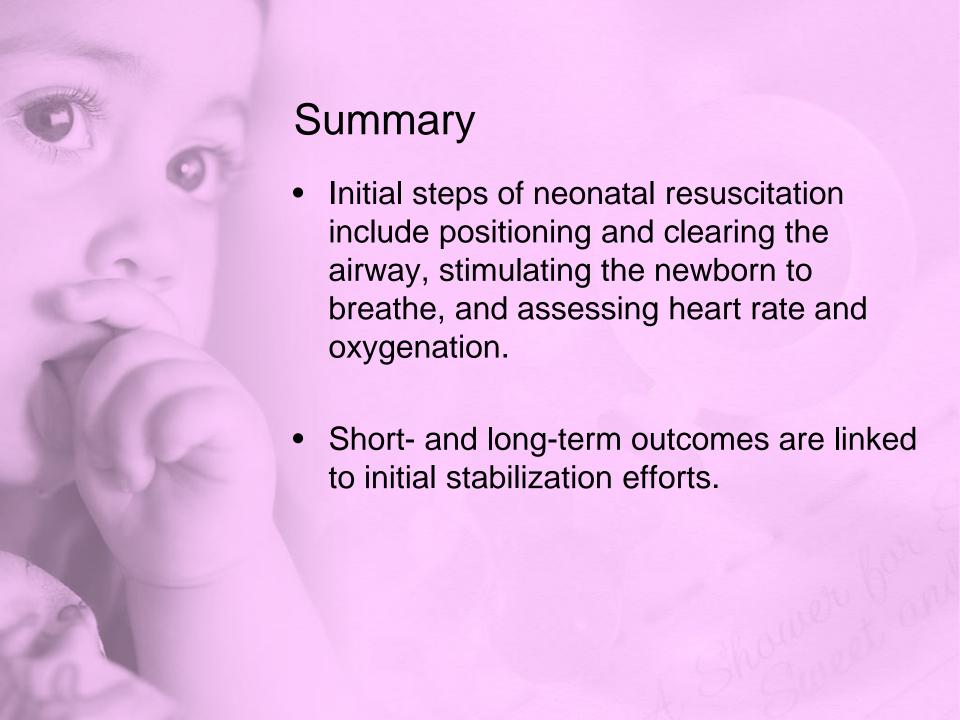


- Long bone fracture may present as loss of spontaneous arm or leg movement.
- Hypoxia and shock could be caused by birth trauma.



## Assessment and Management of Cardiac Conditions in Newborns

- Rapid detection and transport are mandatory.
- Communication with medical control is critical.





- At birth, a fetus transitions from receiving oxygen from the placenta to oxygen from breathing.
- During delivery, obtain a patient history and prepare the environment and equipment you may need for neonatal resuscitation.
- The initial rapid assessment of the newborn may be done simultaneously with any interventions.



- The Apgar score determines the need for and effectiveness of resuscitation.
- Follow the neonatal resuscitation algorithm developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association.
- Thermoregulation is limited in the newborn, so take an active role in keeping body temperature in the normal range.



- If the newborn does not respond in 30 seconds after initial stabilization efforts, further intervention is needed.
- If the newborn is cyanotic or pale, administer free-flow oxygen. If the newborn has an airway obstruction, insert an oral airway. If newborn is apneic, has inadequate respiratory effort, or is bradycardic, perform bag-mask ventilation. If this does not work, endotracheal intubation is required.



- If prolonged bag-mask ventilation is used, gastric decompression with an orogastric tube is indicated.
- Perform chest compressions if the pulse rate remains below 60 beats/min.
- Emergent vascular access is necessary if fluid administration is needed for circulation support or if resuscitations medications or therapeutic drugs are to be given IV.



- Most newborns are resuscitated with effective ventilation support, but medications may be needed in some instances.
- Transport to the nearest facility once the newborn is stabilized as much as possible.
- Ongoing communication with family is necessary.



- Bradycardia in a newborn is usually from hypoxia, which can normally be reversed with effective positive-pressure ventilation.
- There is a high risk of morbidity if a newborn is delivered through meconiumstained amniotic fluid.
- Diaphragmatic hernia is an abnormal opening in the diaphragm.



- If born before 37 weeks gestation, newborns are considered premature.
- Seizures are distinctive of neurologic disease in the newborn.
- Nonbilious vomiting is common in newborns. Keep the face turned to one side to prevent further aspiration.



- If the infant has diarrhea, estimate the number and volume of loose stools, decreased urinary output, and degree of dehydration.
- If fever is suspected, observe for rashes.
   Obtain a careful history and vital signs.
   Ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation.



- Birth trauma includes avoidable and unavoidable injuries resulting from mechanical forces during delivery. A difficult birth or injury can occur because of the newborn's size or position during labor and delivery.
- Cardiac emergencies in newborns can come from various congenital heart diseases or malformations.

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