Breastfeeding

Using the Baby Weigh Scale™

Your baby is being weighed on a special scale before and after nursing. This is done to measure the amount of milk your baby is drinking.

Before breastfeeding

- 1. Put on gloves. Wipe the scale and cart surface with antiviral wipes. Follow the directions on the wipes package. Remove gloves. Wash your hands.
- 2. Press the **on / zero** button. Wait for beep.
- 3. Have the nurse disconnect your baby from all CRM / POX / Cerebral and Renal Monitors.
- Put your baby and **all wires** inside the basket. Nothing should hang over the edges except IV and oxygen tubing. Make note of where tubing falls. Wait for beep.
 Do not hold up wires or touch the scale.
- 5. Press Weight Entry before nursing. You may also want to write down the number.
- 6. Have the nurse reconnect your baby to all CRM/ POX/ Cerebral and Renal Monitors.
- 7. Take your baby off the scale. **Do not** turn the scale off.

Breastfeed your baby.

After breastfeeding

- 1. Press the **on / zero** button. Wait for beep.
- 2. Put your baby and **all wires** inside the basket **exactly** as before you fed (including IV and/or oxygen tubing placement). Wait for beep. (Or subtract first number here.)
- 3. Press Weight Gain after nursing. This is how many cc's / ml's your baby took in.
- 4. Have the nurse reconnect your baby to all CRM/ POX/ Cerebral and Renal Monitors.
- 5. Put on gloves. Clean the scale with an anti-bacterial or anti-viral wipe after use.
- 6. Let your nurse know you are done. They will re-connect the monitors.

Helpful tips

- Weigh your baby after feeding **exactly** as you did before feeding. Do not change their clothes or diaper in between.
- The whole basket is a scale. Do not let blankets or clothes hang over the edges.

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This sheet was created to help you care for your child or family member. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.



