



Expectations for Infant Procedures

While your baby is in the hospital, several procedures will be done before your baby can be discharged to go home. Some of these procedures may be done in your room, while others will require your baby to go to the Nursery.

Your baby will not have all the procedures listed below. Your nurse or your baby's doctor will tell you which procedures will be required before discharge.

- **Infant admission** will be done in the first 1 to 2 hours after birth, at your bedside in the Labor and Delivery room or in the Nursery:
 - Weight
 - Measurements
 - Footprints
 - Head-to-toe assessment by nursing staff
 - Vital signs (blood pressure, temperature, pulse and respiratory rate)
 - Blood sugar screening
 - Vitamin K administration
 - Erythromycin administration
- Vital signs taken every 4 hours for the first 12 hours of your baby's life
- Bath after 12 hours of life
- Daily assessment or rounding by your baby's doctor
- Twice daily nursing assessment
- Daily weight
- Hearing screening
- PKU and Peditrix blood tests
- Bilirubin blood test
- Circumcision for male infants: This may be done in the first 24 hours of life.
- Infant photograph
- Hepatitis B vaccination

Our staff is dedicated to providing you with an excellent experience during the birth of your new baby. Please let a member of your care team know if you have any questions or concerns.