

Nutritional Considerations for the Human Milk Fed Infant: Size Matters!

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Overview



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- Nutrition & Growth Goals at Discharge
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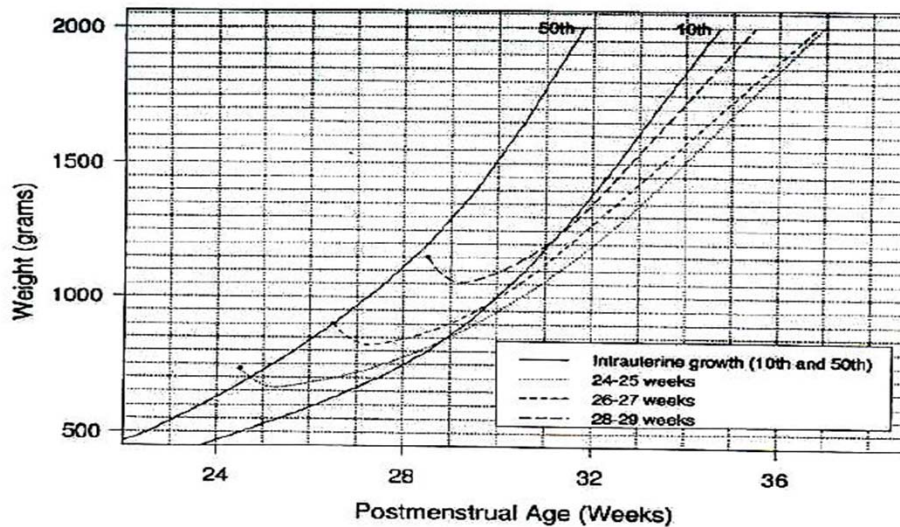
Clinical Consequences of Preterm Birth

- Limited body stores of all nutrients¹
- GOAL: intrauterine rates of nutrient accretion and growth³
- Growth: very high requirements for all nutrients (esp. protein)²
- Full parenteral nutrition unable to suppress proteolysis²
- Regulatory mechanisms of insulin response are not able to affect proteolysis
- REALITY:
 - delay in provision of nutrition support
 - limitations in nutrient delivery with TPN, HMF and formulas
 - poor growth & significant nutrient deficits at discharge³⁻⁵

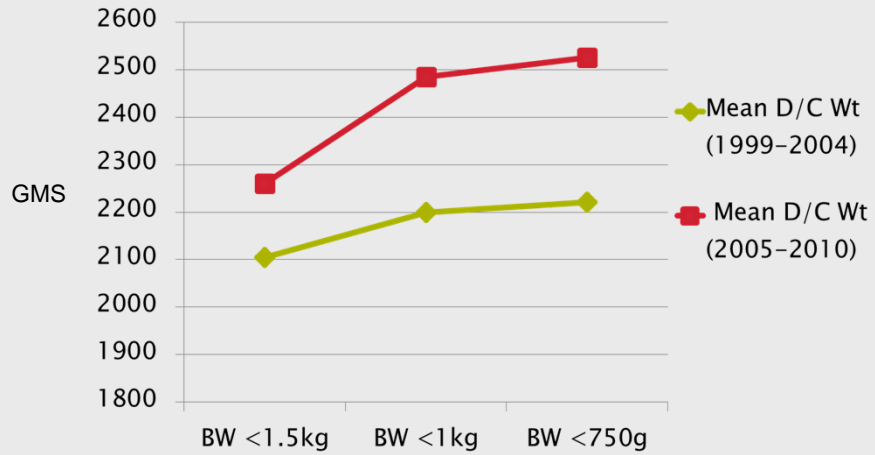
1. Zeigler E et al Growth 1976;40:329-341
2. Denne SC et al J Clin Invest 1996;97:746-754
3. AAP Committee on Nutrition 2003; 23-54
4. Ehrenkranz RA et al Pediatr 1999;104:280-289
5. Embleton NE et al Pediatr 2001;107:270-3

Growth of Hospitalized VLBW Infants

Ehrenkranz RA et al Pediatr 1999;104:280-9⁴

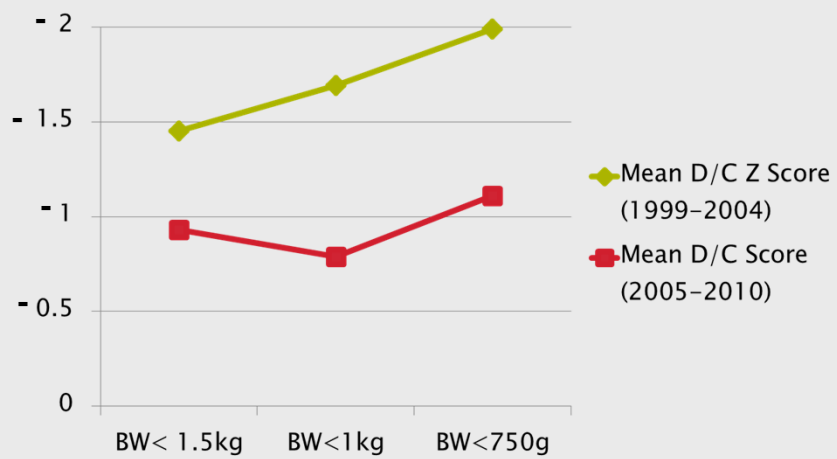


Weight at Discharge VLBW Infants Receiving Human Milk



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Z Score at Discharge VLBW Infants Receiving Human Milk



NICU, St. Joseph's Healthcare, London

Estimated Enteral Protein and Energy Requirements⁶

Body Weight (g)	500–700	700–900	900–1200	1200–1500	1500–1800	1800–2100
Fetal Wt Gain (g/kg/d)	21	20	19	18	16	14
Protein Needs (g/kg/d)	4	4	4	3.9	3.6	3.4
Energy Needs (cal/kg/d)	105	105	110	127	128	131
Protein: Energy (g/100cal)	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8

6. Zeigler E. JPGN 2007;45:S170–174

Preterm Protein & Energy Requirements for Catch-up Growth⁷

Post-Natal Age	26–30 weeks		30–36 weeks		36–40 weeks	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Catch-up Growth Required?	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Protein (g/kg/day)	3.8–4.2	4.4	3.4–3.6	3.6–4.0	2.8–3.3	3.0–3.4
Energy (cal/kg/day)	126–140	133	120–128	120–133	108–133	107–131
Protein: Energy Ratio g/100cal	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.0	2.4–2.6	2.6–2.8

7. Rigo et al. 2006 J Pediatr 149: s80–8

Consequences of Inadequate Growth

Growth velocity is correlated to developmental outcomes

- Erckenkranz et al⁸
 - N=495
 - BW 501–1000g
 - CP, MDI and PDI < 70 increased in groups with slower growth velocity at 18–22 months corrected age
- Sices et al⁹
 - N=154
 - Mean BW 768±140g
 - 18% growth failure to 20 months corrected age
- growth failure (–0.67 z score) between 0–4 mo and 8–20 mo correlated with poor PDI

8. Erckenkranz RA et al *Pediatr* 2006;117:1253–61
9. Sices L et al *Pediatr Child Health* 2007;12:22–28

Consequences of Rapid Growth Including Catch-up Growth

Barker Hypothesis^{10–}

- poor fetal nutrition with postnatal high CHO/low protein & fat
→ detrimental effects on adult health
- Relatively few studies/inconsistent results¹¹
- SGA preterm & term infants → higher risk than AGA preterm
- Both extremes of intake may have adverse long-term adverse health outcomes¹²
- effects small compared to other risk factors—genetic and environmental/lifestyle factors^{11,12}

Consensus: maximize nutrition support in first year when most catch-up is likely to occur with potential for favorably affecting developmental outcomes^{12,13}

10. Barker DJ et al 1993 *Lancet*;341:938–941
11. Euser AM et al 2005 *AJCN*;81:480–7
12. Greer F *Semin Perinatol* 2007;31:89–95
13. Tsang R et al 2005 *Nutrient Needs of the Preterm Infant*

Goals for Growth: Preterm Infants at Discharge from Hospital



GOAL for nutritional management:
“to achieve a body composition and rate of growth of a term infant of the same post-natal age”¹²

Confounders to Achieving this Goal:

- Increasing survival of smallest, sickest infants
- Earlier hospital discharge (35–36wks)
- Smallest infants at significant risk for
 - growth failure, developmental delay, infection and re-hospitalization
- Co-morbidities associated with prematurity (respiratory, GI, neurologic) affect nutrient requirements and method(s) of nutrient delivery¹⁴

12. Greer F Semin Perinatol 2007;31:89–95
14. Lemons J et al Pediatr 2001;107:e1–e8

Intrauterine & Post-natal Growth Chart¹⁵

- **Most recent**
 - Canadian intrauterine weight data for weight combined CDC growth data to 50 weeks (WHO in draft)
- **Use for preterm infants to 40 weeks corrected age**
 - WT increase 15–16 g/kg/day
 - HC increase 0.5–1.0cm/wk
 - LT increase 0.9–1cm/wk
 - Greater increases anticipated if catch-up growth required
 - ? catch-up → >5–10th %ile vs. return to birth %ile

<http://members.ca/growthchart>

15. Fenton TR Pediatrics 2003;110:3–13

Post-Natal Growth Charts– WHO Charts¹⁶

- 2010 adapted for Canada from WHO Child Growth Standards
- **Use in preterm infants after term corrected age (>40wks)**
 - WT increase 30–40g/day (e.g. girls vs. boys 0–2mos)
 - HC increase 0.5cm/wk (e.g. girls & boys 0–2mos)
 - LT increase 1.0cm/wk (e.g. girls & boys 0–2mos)
 - Greater increases for catch-up growth

www.dietitians.ca/growthcharts

16. WHO 2006 <http://www.who.int/childgrowth/en>

Nutrition Recommendation for Preterm Infants at Discharge

- CPS 1995¹⁷
 - assume no in-hospital deficits– same requirements as for term
- AAP 2003³
 - insufficient evidence upon which to base specific recommendations
- Tsang 2005¹³ – only published consensus statement of experts
- ESPGHAN 2006¹⁸
 - –position paper on Feeding PT Infants Post-D/C
- DRI's 2005,2010(VitD and Ca)– for term¹⁹
- No official recommendation for most nutrient intakes
 - gradual transition from preterm to term requirements recommended,
 - based on achievement of term CA and/or catch-up growth

17. CPS Nutrition Committee Can Med Assoc J 1995;152:1765–85

18. ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition JPGN 2006; 42:596–603

19. http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/reference/dri_rep-rap_anref-list/index-eng.php

“General” Consensus of Recent Publications^{12,13,18}

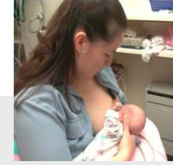
Goal for entire 1st year of life

- achieve body composition & rate of growth of a normal fetus of the same post-menstrual age
- Specific nutrient data lacking
 - › safe assumption that needs for catch-up growth are higher compared to term
 - › Protein intake continues to be rate-limiting nutrient for lean tissue growth
 - › Ca, PO₄, Vit A increased needs post-discharge
 - based on normalization of serum levels and improved bone mineralization in studies continuing in hospital preterm formulas in the early post-discharge period

Consensus Targets for Stable Growing and Post-Discharge Preterm Infants^{13,19}


Nutrient	Stable/growing Target – Preterm Infants	Post-discharge Target – Preterm Infants	DRI's-AI's Term Infants
Volume mL/kg/d	120–200	135–220	700ml/d
Energy Kcal/kg/d	110–150	120–130	72–108
Protein g/kg/d	3.4–4.4	2.5–3.5	1.5
Ca mmol/kg/d	2.5–5.5	3.7–4.4	5 mmol/day
P mmol/kg/d	2–4.5	2.9–3.4	3.9 mmol/day
Vit D IU/d	400	400	400
Fe mg/kg/d	2–4	2–4	0

Human Milk for Preterm Infants at Discharge



- Human milk provides many benefits for PT infant^{20,21}
 - Host defense, Neurodevelopment, GI, Nutrition
- HM fed PT infants show slower growth vs. formula fed PT^{20,21}
 - exclusive human milk intake of >180ml/kg/day²² required to achieve growth rate of 15g/kg/day
 - fortification often required to meet requirements for adequate growth/catch-up growth
- Many unable to exclusively breastfeed at discharge:
 - body size, physiologic immaturity, co-morbidities, requirements, etc.²²

Nutritional Limitations in Use of Human Milk for Preterm Infants²³

- Low protein density-stage of lactation
 - Low mineral density (Ca, P04)
 - Variability in composition (fat)
 - Restricted milk intakes
 - Availability
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- **Note preterm nutritional needs higher than at any other time in life**

Fortification of Human Milk at Discharge^{24, 25}

- Study patients
 - BW 750–1800g
 - Human Milk fed at D/C
- Study Groups
 - plain HM
 - ½ feeds HMF 1:25ml from d/c to 12 weeks
- Results
 - HMF group: >LT , >WT, >HC (<1250g BW)
 - Fortification no effect on duration of breastfeeding
 - Follow up study -> sustained results at 12mos CA

24. O'Connor DL et al Pediatrics 2008;121:766-776
25. Aimore A et al JPGN 2009;49:456466

Fortification of Human Milk at Discharge²⁶

- Study Patients
 - BW 535–2255g
 - Human Milk fed at D/C
- Study Groups
 - Plain HM (n=102)
 - HMF: 5 packets in 20–50ml HM (1.375g protein & 17.5cal/day) (N=105) to 4 mos corrected age, given as one supplemental bottle feed daily
- Results
 - HMF group: no differences in anthropometrics to 12mos CA
- Main limitation: very low level of nutrient supplementation

26. Zachariassen G et al Pediatrics 2011 127:e995-1003

Fortification of Human Milk at Discharge^{27,28}

- 2010 Systematic Review: Multi-nutrient fortification of human milk for preterm infants following hospital discharge²⁷
 - Limited to O'Connor et al²⁴
 - Conclusion: limited evidence exists to provide multi-nutrient fortification to HM fed preterm infants post-discharge

- 2007 Systematic Review
 - Conclusion: cannot recommend nutrient enriched post-discharge formulas over term formulas despite a significant difference in linear growth in favour of PDF²⁸

27. McCormick et al Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010
28. Henderson G et al Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2007

Fortification of Human Milk for Preterm Infants after Discharge – Recommendations for Practice^{13,18,22,27}

1. Continuing HM encouraged as first choice
 - Wide variability in practice based on limited evidence

2. Use of multi-nutrient fortifier for at risk infants
 - Use of in-hospital fortification may be problematic
 - Preterm Discharge Formulas can be used to fortify HM
 - -> 24, 27, 30 cal/oz
 - *generally poor sources of protein, calcium & PO₄*
 - No evidence for use of PDF fortification
 - *reserved for the larger, healthier infants-who require energy dense vs nutrient dense fortified HM*

Comparison of Nutrition Targets & Various Human Milk Feeding Regimes

Nutrient	Stable/ growing Target	Post- discharge Target	HM Alone	HM + 1:25HMF	HM + 1:50HMF	HM+PDF To 24cal/oz	HM: PDF 1:1
Volume mL/kg/d	120-200	135-220	175	150	165	150	165
Energy Kcal/kg/d	110-150	120-130	122	120	119	122	119
Protein g/kg/d	3.4-4.4	2.5-3.5	<u>1.6</u>	2.9	2.2	<u>1.9</u>	2.5
Ca mmol /kg/d	2.5-5.5	3.7-4.4	<u>1.2</u>	4.9	3.1	<u>1.6</u>	2.3
P mmol /kg/d	2-4.5	2.9-3.4	<u>0.9</u>	3.6	2.2	<u>1.1</u>	1.7
Vit D IU/d	400	400	<u>4</u>	411	216	<u>36</u>	95
Fe mg /kg/d	2-4	2-4	<u>trace</u>	0.6	0.3	<u>0.4</u>	1.1

for a 2kg infant at Discharge (~120kcal/kg/d)²²

Discharge Nutrition Goals for the Breastfeeding Mother and her Preterm Baby ²²

1. Promote adequate weight gain to include catch-up growth
2. Ensure adequate delivery of protein, Ca, PO₄, vitamin D, Fe
3. Maintain or increase mother's milk volume
4. Maintain or improve feedings at the breast
 - Limit bottle feeding
5. Limit volume of supplemental formula feeds to that needed to achieve goals 1 and 2



Best Predictors of Breastfeeding Success in the Preterm Infant ²⁹



1. milk supply at discharge $\geq 750\text{ml/day}$
2. prenatal intention to breastfeed
3. pumping initiation within hours post-delivery
4. discharge plan for *eventual* breast transition
5. early follow-up post discharge

29. www.cpqcc.org

Micronutrients for Human Milk Fed Preterm Infants at Discharge^{13,22}

<u>Nutrient:</u>	<u>Discharge Requirement:</u>
▪ Iron	2–4mg/kg/day (to 1 yr)
▪ Vitamin D	400 IU/day (to 1 yr)
▪ Ca	3.7–4.4mmol/kg/day
▪ PO ₄	2.9–3.4mmol/kg/day
▪ Vitamin A	1400 IU/day (to 1 yr)
▪ Zinc	1–2mg/kg/day (to 1 yr)



NOTE:

- Limited quantities in unfortified human milk
 - Assume trace Fe & Vit D, 203 IU Vit A/100ml HM¹³
 - Assume need for Ca, PO₄ supplementation until normal serum AlkPhos, PO₄¹³
- High requirements/minimal body stores¹

Suggested Vitamin & Mineral Supplements for a 2 kg Infant at Discharge²²

Feeding	Micro nutrient Less Than Requirement	Supplement Example
Exclusive Human Milk	All fat soluble vitamins and most minerals including Ca, P04, Zn & Fe	Tri-vi-sol 1ml/day (1400IU VitA,400IU VitD,30mgVitC/mL) Fer-in-sol 0.5-1mL/day 15mg elemental Fe/mL (2-4mg/kg/day up to Maximum reasonable dose of 15mg/day)
Fortified Human Milk 1 pkt:25ml	Iron if fortifier does not contain Fe (example: Similac HMF)	Fer-in-sol 0.5-1mL/day 15mg elemental Fe/mL (2-4mg/kg/day up to Maximum reasonable dose of 15mg/day)
Fortified Human Milk 1 pkt:50ml	Some fat soluble Vitamin, Iron if fortifier does not contain Fe (example: Similac HMF)	Fer-in-sol 0.5-1mL/day 15mg elemental Fe/mL (2-4mg/kg/day up to Maximum reasonable dose of 15mg/day)
Human Milk Enriched With PDF to 24cal/oz	All fat soluble vitamins and most minerals including Ca, P04, Zn & Fe	Tri-vi-sol 1ml/day (1400IU VitA,400IU VitD,30mgVitC/mL) Fer-in-sol 0.5-1mL/day 15mg elemental Fe/mL (2-4mg/kg/day up to Maximum reasonable dose of 15mg/day)
1:1 Human Milk :PDF 22cal/oz	All fat soluble vitamins and most minerals including Ca, P04, Zn & Fe	Tri-vi-sol 1ml/day (1400IU VitA,400IU VitD,30mgVitC/mL) Fer-in-sol 0.5-1mL/day 15mg elemental Fe/mL (2-4mg/kg/day up to Maximum reasonable dose of 15mg/day)

Case Example 1

- 31+3 wk GA male → Discharged @ 36+2 wks
- Prematurity, Mild Respiratory Distress, Feeds/Growth
- BW 1223g (10th) → D/C WT 1890g (<3rd)
- BLT 40cm (10-15th) → D/C LT 43cm (3rd)
- BHC 27cm (10th) → D/C HC 32cm (25th)
- excellent milk supply (300ml/pump;>1.5L/day)
 - breastfed a previous term infant x12mos
- Uneventful feeding course:
 - > Immediate TPN
 - > day 1 → lipids, initial feeds
 - > day 5 → full TPN & lipids (3.7g protein/kg/d; 95cal/kg/d)
 - > day 11 → full volume enteral feeds (1 HMF:50ml HM)
 - > day 12 → full fortified feeds (1 HMF:25ml HM)

Case Example 1 – Cont'd

- last 4–5 days prior to discharge → transition to full breastfeeds
→ drop in WT gain from 15g/kg/day to 7g/kg/day (<3rd)
 - INTAKE: 150ml/kg/day (285ml/day) (wk 4 preterm milk)
~105cal/kg/day & ~2.1g protein/kg/day

DISCHARGE FEEDING PLAN :

1. 5–7 breastfeeds/day
2. 2–3 fortified (HMF 1:25) feeds added at discharge
3. Daily supplements: Trivisol 1.0 ml, Ferinsol 0.5 ml
 - > 400 IU Vit D, 1400 IU/d Vit A, 2–4mg/kg/day
4. Iron Haberman/slow flow nipple required R/T strength of suck vs. coordination of swallow : breathe

NUTRITION FOLLOW-UP PLAN:

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Fenton Growth Data

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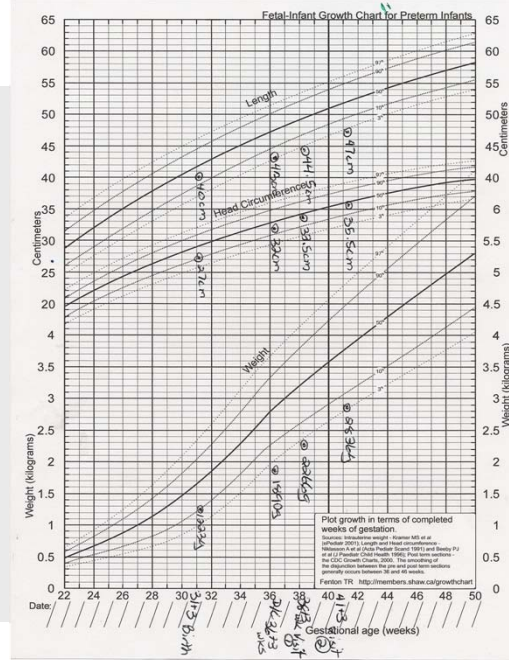
- 2 fortified bottles, breast x 7
- WT gain 12g/kg/d (27g/day)
- HC gain 0.75cm/wk
- LT gain 0.75cm/wk

Plan:

1. Continue 2 fortified bottles/d + demand breastfeeding
2. Breast + 1-2 pumps/day

Visit 2:

- Demand breastfeeding
- ~ 9-10 feeds/day (last 1/52)
- WT gain 27g/day
- HC gain 0.7cm/wk
- LT gain 0.8cm/wk



WHO Growth Data

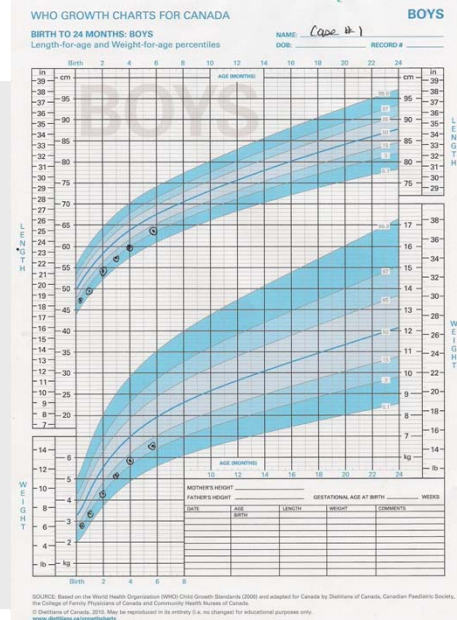
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Plan:

- Continue Breast on demand
- Continue 1ml/day Tri-vi-sol
- Increase Fer-in-sol to 0.7ml/day = 3.7mg/kg/day Fe
- Wean pumping gradually over next 1-2 weeks

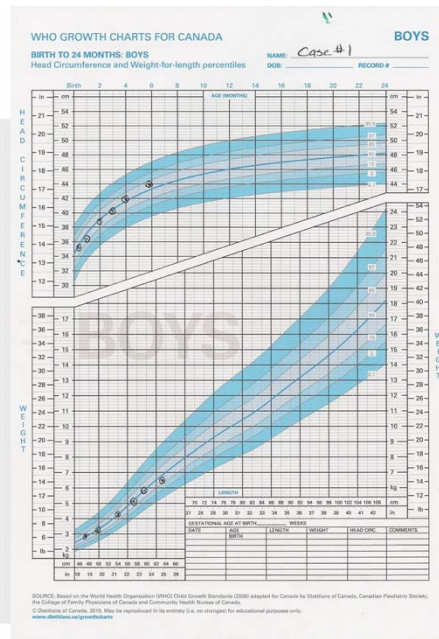
Subsequent Visits :

- Full demand breast feeding with stable growth
- Fer-in-sol to maximum reasonable dose of 1.0 ml/day (15 mg Fe/day)
- 1 Pediatric D Drop/day
 - replace Tri-vi-sol @ ≥ 4 kg



WHO Growth Data

Case 1



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Case Example 2

- 31+4 wks male → discharged at 35+4wks
 - BW 1925g (75th) → D/C WT 2460g (≥25th)
 - BLT 43cm (50th) → D/C LT 48cm (≥50th)
 - BHC 29.25cm (50th) → D/C HC 31.5cm (≥25th)
- At Discharge :
 - Demand breastfeeding: transferring 180–200ml/kg/day
 - ~500ml/day, ~120cal/kg/day, ~3.2g protein/kg/day
 - Mom had excellent milk volumes ≥1L/day
 - Continued to pump 60–100ml pc Breastfeeds at discharge
 - Weight gain ~14g/kg/day
 - Daily supplements to meet A, D & Fe needs
 - Tri-vi-sol 1.0ml, Fer-in-sol 0.5 ml

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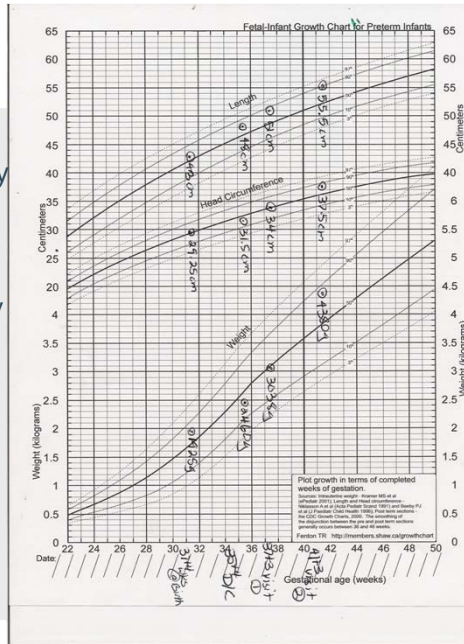
Fenton Growth Data Case 2

Visit 1:

Demand breastfeeding 8-10 x's/day
 > WT gain 15g/kg/d (44g/day)
 > HC gain 1.4 cm/wk
 > LT gain 1.6 cm/wk
 Mom weaned pumping to once/day for comfort

Plan:

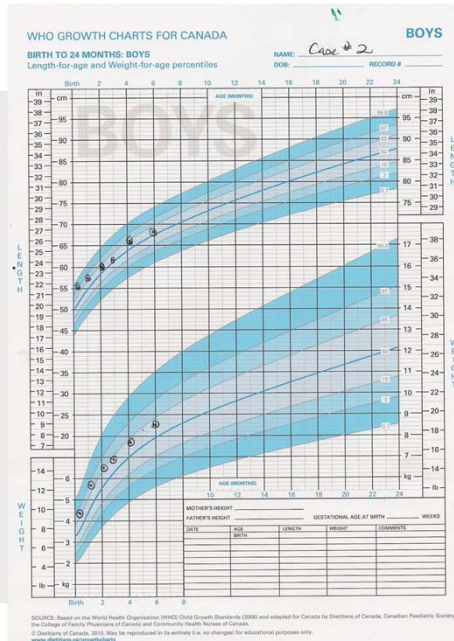
- Continue breast on demand
- Continue 1 ml/day Tri-vi-sol, increase Fer-in-sol to 0.7ml/day = 2.5 mg/kg/day Fe
- D/C pumping gradually over next week



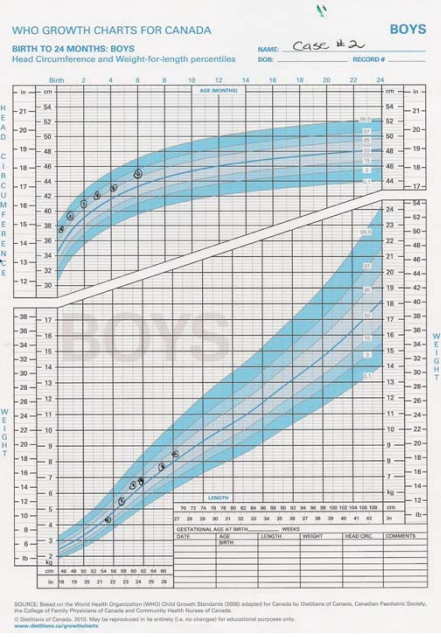
WHO Growth Data Case 2

Subsequent Visits :

- Full demand breast feeding with stable growth
- Fer-in-sol to maximum reasonable dose of 1.0 ml/day (15mg Fe/day)
- 1 Pediatric D Drop/day
 - replace Tri-vi-sol @ ≥4kg
- Continue to 1 year CA



WHO Growth Data Case 2



Case Example 3

- 29+4 wk GA female → Discharged @ 39+1 wks
- R/O Sepsis @ birth, RDS, PDA, Feeds/Growth
 - BW 1075g (20th) → D/C WT 2846g (≥10th)
 - BLT 39cm (50th) → D/C LT 50cm (≤50th)
 - BHC 26cm (20th) → D/C HC 35cm (50th)
- Mom has reduced milk supply (400–700ml/day);
 - Domperidone increased to 20mg QID TID at discharge
 - pumping 7–8 times/24hr
- Maternal Hx.: 1st baby, underlying renal disease, is a RN (adult), high anxiety re: preterm birth

Case Example 3 – Cont'd

- Eventful feeding course for management of PDA:
 - Immediate -> TPN
 - Day 1 -> lipids, initial feeds
 - Day 20 -> full volume enteral feeds (1 HMF:50ml HM)
 - Day 24 -> full fortified feeds (1HMF:20ml HM for increased protein needs of ELBW (1kg BW))
- Discharge:
 - Good WT gain @ 12g/kg/day on HMF 1:25ml HM
 - slow flow nipple
 - tires after 50ml of feeding q 3hr (tachypnea, supplemental O₂ D/C at 36 weeks)
 - ~140ml/kg/day, ~110cal/kg/day, ~2.8g/kg/day (wk 9 milk)
 - Poor transfer @ breast per ac/pc breast scale of < 20ml

Case Example 3 – Cont'd

DISCHARGE FEEDING PLAN :

- fortified (HMF 1:25) feeds by bottle at discharge with plan for mom to wean to ½ fortified feeds at home and start Tri-vi-sol 0.5ml/day
- Practice at breast 1-2 times/day with full/part top-up by bottle (unfortified)
- Ferinsol 0.7ml daily (Fe 3-4mg/kg/day (ELBW))
- Continued pumping 7-8 times/day

NUTRITION FOLLOW-UP PLAN:

- 1-2 weeks post-discharge in preterm breastfeeding clinic

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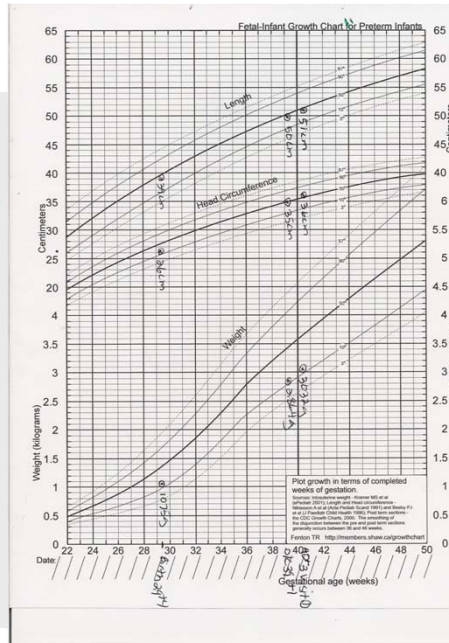
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Visit 1:

- 3 fort /3 unfort bottles/day
- Breast x 2/day (1hr/session/ no top-up)
- Pumped volumes ~ 600ml/day
- WT gain 19g/day
- HC gain 0.8cm/wk
- LT gain 0.8cm/wk

Plan:

- increase to 5 fortified bottles/day until HMF supply out (next 2 weeks)
- increase Breast to 3x/ day
- continue 6-7 pumps /day



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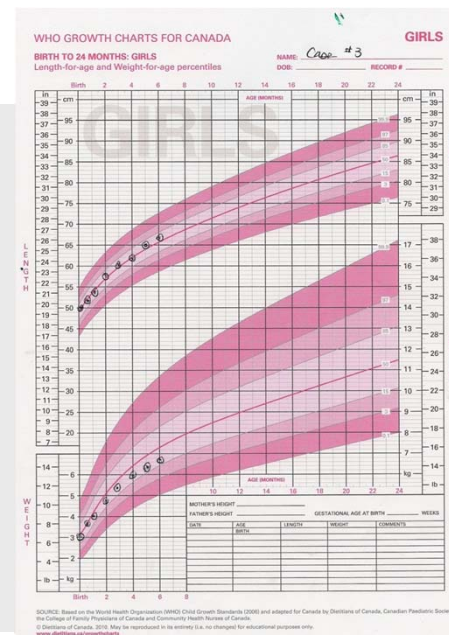
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Visit 2:

- 3 Breast/day (no top-up)
- 5 fortified bottles/day
- ~500ml/d pumped + Breastfeeds
- WT gain 44g/day
- HC gain 0.7cm/wk
- LT gain 0.8cm/wk

Plan:

- AC/PC scale for Breast
- Preterm discharge formula
- 1 tsp/100ml HM if bottles(24cal/oz)
- increase in Breast to ~650ml/d -> -> 180ml/kg/d of unfortified HM
- Tri-vi-sol to 1ml/d (@ D/C HMF)
- Fer-in-sol to 1ml/d (4 mg Fe/kg/d)



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Case 3

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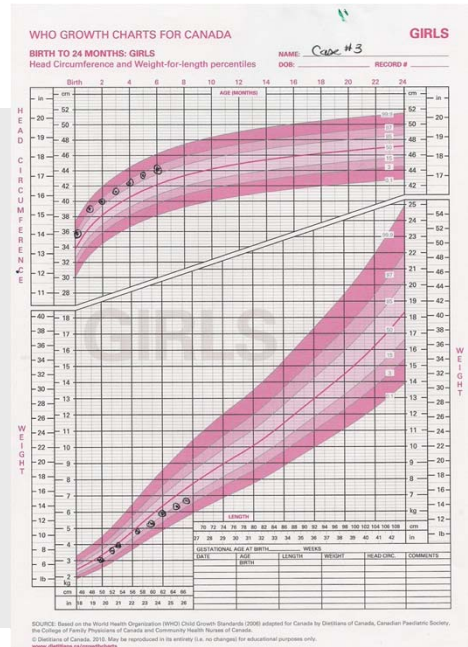
- Transition to full demand breast 9-10x's /day; 60-80ml/feed using AC/PC weigh scale
- WT gain 24g/day
- HC gain 0.9cm/wk
- LT gain 1.0cm/wk

Plan:

- D/C AC/PC scale for breastfeeds
- D/C Tri-vi-sol, start 1 Ped D Drop/day with wt ~4kg
- continue 1ml/d Fer-in-sol

Subsequent Visits :

- Full Breast with slight fall off in WT but stable HC, LT



Summary



- Majority of preterm infants continue to be at nutritional risk at the time of hospital discharge
- Goal for preterm infant growth post-discharge:
 - achieve a body composition and rate of growth of a normal fetus of the same post-menstrual age during the entire 1st year of life
- Human milk continues to be the preferred choice for feeding for all infants
- Multi-nutrient fortification of HM may be required in specific infants to achieve growth and body composition goals
- Specific vitamin and mineral supplementation is important in this population

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