

Giving medicines to your baby on neonatal unit

Learning how to give your baby medicines is a skill that the staff will support you with and this is known as parent administration.

Participation is not compulsory, and you do not have to do this whilst in hospital. However, it may help you to gain confidence to be able to practice in the safety of the hospital environment before going home.



Parent administration gives you an opportunity to learn about the medicines your baby needs, why they need them and how to give them.

Your baby's medicines will continue to be given by the nursing staff and they will ensure that you still have all the information you need and ensure that you receive guidance in giving your baby's medication prior to your baby going home.

If you would like to give your baby their oral medication whilst in hospital, a nurse will explain what is involved and answer any questions you may have.

Certain medicines may only be administered by a nurse, and it will be the nurse's responsibility to ensure these are given at the prescribed times. If you or your baby's situation changes or there is a change in medication this will be discussed with you.

Please note that the documentation for giving your baby's medicines may differ in each neonatal unit.

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