

PACIFIER USE FOR NEWBORNS

While our Hospital **does not** provide pacifiers for newborns, parents may decide to purchase them prior to admission as an option for their infant.

Recommendations from The American Academy of Pediatrics regarding pacifier use are listed below:

The pacifier should be used when placing the infant down for sleep and not be reinserted once the infant falls asleep. If the infant refuses the pacifier, he or she should not be forced to take it.

Pacifiers should not be hung around the infant's neck. Pacifiers that attach to infant clothing should not be used with sleeping infants.

Objects such as stuffed toys, which might present a suffocation or choking risk, should not be attached to pacifiers.

For breastfed infants, delay pacifier introduction until breastfeeding has been firmly established, usually by 3 to 4 weeks of age.