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- Epidemiology
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- Early-Onset and Late-Onset Sepsis
Part Three: Transition from Intrauterine to Extrauterine Life

- Respiratory System
  - x
- Circulatory system
  - x
- Glucose Metabolism
  - x
- Thermoregulation
  - x
LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Learning Objectives

- Describe the responsibilities of the nurse assigned to care for the newborn at the time of delivery.
- Identify normal bonding behaviors displayed by the mother to her newborn.
- Describe the process for determining a newborn’s gestational age based on the findings using the New Ballard Maturational Score.
- Compare and contrast the small-for-gestational-age newborn to the large-for-gestational-age newborn.
- Identify normal findings for each component of the newborn physical assessment.
- Identify the three stages of lactogenesis.
- List the risk factors for delayed onset of lactogenesis.
- Identify the signs of adequate intake in the breastfeeding newborn.
- Describe each recommended component of newborn screening as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Identify the key points that should be taught and discussed with the newborn’s parents during discharge planning.
- Discuss characteristics and complications seen in the preterm and postterm newborn.
- Discuss signs and symptoms of a newborn experiencing respiratory complications.
- Describe nursing interventions for the newborn experiencing respiratory complications.
- Identify common neonatal cardiac disorders.
- List risk factors for neonatal hypoglycemia.
- Differentiate between physiologic jaundice and hyperbilirubinemia in the newborn.
- Describe effects of maternal drug abuse on the newborn.
- Identify signs and symptoms of infection/sepsis in the newborn.
- Describe the intrauterine physiology of the fetal respiratory and cardiovascular systems.
- Identify the transitional process of the neonatal respiratory, cardiovascular, glucose metabolism, and thermoregulatory systems.
- Describe the impact of maternal and intrapartum complications on the neonate’s successful transition to extrauterine life.
- List common problems seen during the neonatal transition to extrauterine life.
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PROGRAM PREVIEW
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Introduction

With the clamping of the umbilical cord and the newborn’s first breath, extraterine life begins. This period has specific milestones that the newborn must complete for a successful transition. Fortunately, the majority of newborns complete this transition flawlessly.

Resuscitation Equipment

- Bulb syringe
- Oxygen source, flowmeter, tubing, and blender
- Mechanical suction with tubing and suction catheters
- Resuscitation bag with the ability to deliver 90% to 100% oxygen and pressure gauge
- Cushioned, anatomic facemask in the appropriate size for gestation of neonate
- Pulse oximeter and probe
- Laryngoscope with blades (size 0 and 1)
- Endotracheal tubes (sizes 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0)
- Carbon dioxide detector
- Feeding tube 8 French and 20 mL syringe
ENGAGING CONTENT

ABCs of Neonatal Resuscitation

Assess:

- A (airway)
- B (breathing)
- C (circulation)

Breastfeeding Positions

- Cradle or Cuddle Position
- Football Hold
- Side-Lying Position

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Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

- The left ventricle is too small to carry the entire cardiac output. This results in a single right ventricle.
- Occurs in 5% to 9% of all infants with congenital heart defects.
- Prevalence 0.23/1,000 live births.
- Infant requires prostaglandin infusion to maintain patency of the ductus arteriosus after delivery to ensure blood flow to the body and survival for surgery correction.

(Buzzard, 2010)
REVIEW QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE LEARNING MODULES

Review Questions

Characteristics of a preterm infant include(s):

- A. lanugo.
- B. lower muscle tone.
- C. thin, smooth shiny skin.
- D. long finger and toe nails.
- E. all of the above.
- F. A, B, and C only.

Review Questions

Supportive care interventions for neonates demonstrating withdrawal symptoms include:

- A. minimal handling.
- B. swaddling.
- C. decreasing environmental noise and stimulation.
- D. using pacifier.
- E. all of the above.
- F. B and C only.
Respiratory System

Classification of Sepsis

**Early-Onset Sepsis**
- Defined as sepsis occurring within the first 72 hours of life.

**Late-Onset Sepsis**
- Onset of symptoms occurring after the first 7 days of life.

**Types of phototherapy:**
- Phototherapy lamps.
- Fiber optic blankets.

**Phototherapy lamps**
- Image of a baby under a phototherapy lamp.

**Fiber optic blanket**
- Image of a baby under a fiber optic blanket.

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12. Breastfeeding benefits for the infant include:

A. reduced risk for otitis media.
B. reduced risk for sudden infant death syndrome.
C. it helps build the infant's immune system.
D. all of the above.
E. A and C only.
A baby boy is delivered spontaneously at 36 gestation following a 30-hour labor with Apgar 9 at one and five minutes, respectively. Prior labor, there is a spontaneous rupture of membranes. The baby’s mother had a positive group B streptococcus (GBS) culture during her pregnancy and received antibiotics throughout her labor. The mother also is a tobacco user who has been in good control throughout the pregnancy.

The following four questions are related to this clinical case.

1. The newborn described in the clinical case would be considered a:

   A. full-term newborn.
   B. late preterm newborn.
   C. postterm newborn.
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