

## STANDARD TREATMENT WORKFLOW (STW)

### Feeds & Fluids in Neonates

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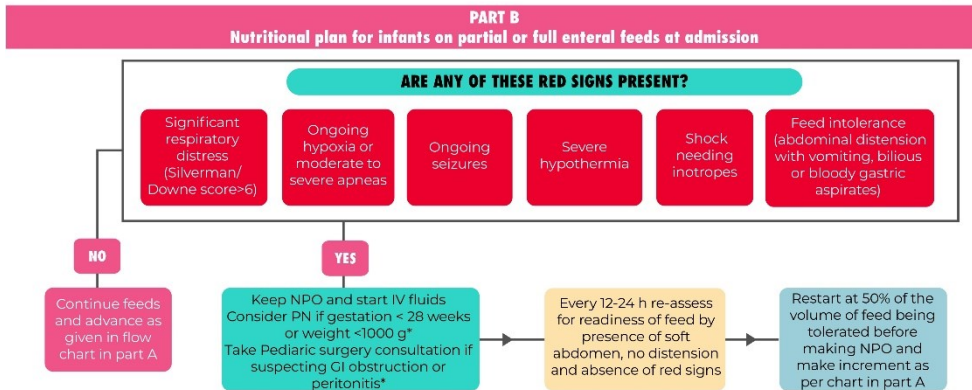
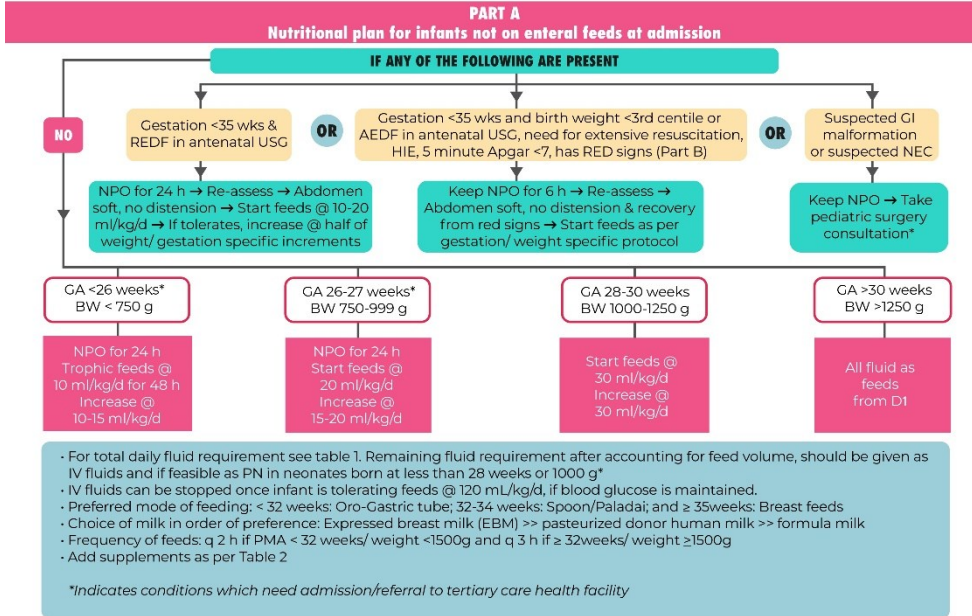
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**Standard Treatment Workflow (STW)  
FEEDS & FLUIDS IN NEONATES  
ICD-10-R63.3**



**TABLE 1**  
Maintenance volume (Enteral + IV, mL/kg/d) and type of IV fluids

BIRTH WEIGHT	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
<1000 g or Gestation <28 weeks	80-100	Advance strictly as per clinical and lab hydration status					
1000-1250g 28 to 30 weeks	80	100	120	140	150	150-160	150-160
>1250 g >30 weeks	60	80	100	120	140	150	150-160
Type of IV fluids	Start with D10 Titrate dextrose concentration as per blood glucose		N/5 in D10 with KCl				

**TABLE 2**  
Supplements

- Start when infant is on 100ml/kg/day of enteral feeds
- Start Iron at 2 weeks of age
- Weight <1800 gram or Gestation <35 weeks**
  - If on EBM Or Donor Milk: HMF + Iron + Vitamin D3
  - If on Breastfeeds: Iron + Calcium + Phosphorus + Multivitamins + Vitamin D3
  - If on Preterm Formula: Iron and Vitamin D3
- Weight >=1800 gram and Gestation >=35 weeks**
  - Vitamin D 3 and Iron (only for gestation <37 weeks)

**Dose**  
Iron: 2mg/kg/day  
Vit. D3: 400 IU to 800 IU/day  
Calcium: 120mg/kg/day  
Phosphorus: 60mg/kg/day

**Duration**  
Iron and Vit-D3: till 1 year  
Calcium and Phosphorus: till term  
PMA  
Multivitamins: till 6 months

- Table 1 is a general guide and daily increments may be based on daily weight change, urine output, serum sodium and co-morbidities such as PDA or sepsis
- Daily increments of feed should be based on tolerance and weight gain.
- Monitor growth by regular measurement of weight and head circumference. Once full feeds have been achieved, preterm neonates are expected to gain weight @ 10-20 g/kg/day. Plot the growth parameters on intergrowth 21st postnatal charts for preterm neonates
- If not gaining weight adequately on exclusive enteral feeds, after 2 weeks of life, feed volume may be increased gradually upto 200-250 mL/kg/d as per tolerance

**ABBREVIATIONS**

**AEDF:** Absent end diastolic flow  
**HIE:** Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy  
**HMF:** Human milk fortifiers

**NEC:** Necrotizing enterocolitis  
**PDA:** Patent ductus arteriosus  
**PMA:** Post menstrual age

**PN:** Parenteral nutrition  
**REDF:** Reversed end diastolic flow

**EARLY AND AGGRESSIVE ENTERAL FEEDING BY BREASTMILK DECREASES MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY**

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