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4 Month Well Visit

What your baby may be doing now:

- Roll over
- Laugh, smile, squeal, and babble
- Grasp toys
- Sleep for 6 hours at night
- May start drooling more and putting things in her mouth. Your baby may also start teething- once she has teeth, clean them with a soft washcloth daily.

Feeding:

- Breastfeed “on demand”- let your baby decide when and how long to nurse- he or she may become more efficient, and take less time to feed now.
- Start introducing [solid foods](#) at 4-6 months of age. Start with cereal in a spoon, and slowly move on to fruits and vegetables. Formula or breast milk intake will probably stay about the same even after you add solids to the diet.
- Do not give baby honey in the first year of life

Sleep

- Place baby to sleep on his back (not on side or stomach), on a firm sleep surface. Give him lots of “tummy time” while awake- this helps strengthen his neck and arms.
- Try to put your baby down to sleep while she is drowsy, but still awake. Some babies cry before falling asleep, and 15-20 minutes of fussing is okay.
- Try to make nighttime feedings brief and boring- lights off, no playtime!
- Do not wake your baby to feed at night unless directed by your pediatrician.

Safety

- Use a rear-facing car seat for every ride
- Lower the water heater temperature in your home to 120°F or less, to prevent accidental burns

- Prevent falls- do not leave baby unattended on a bed, sofa or changing table
- Do not use a walker- they can tip over and cause injury
- Protect baby from direct sun exposure
- Prevent choking- keep small objects and toys out of baby’s reach.

When to call the office:

- If your baby is vomiting, feeding poorly, has trouble breathing, has a rectal temperature over 101°F for longer than a day, or if you have other concerns.
- For routine questions, call us, or check out the Pediatric Advisor section on our website

Vaccines at this visit:

- [DTaP](#)
- [Polio](#)
- [Hib](#)
- [Prevnar](#)
- [Rotavirus](#)
- [PNP Vaccine policy](#)

Your baby may have a mild fever or fussiness after his vaccines today. You may use Tylenol every 4-6 hrs as needed over the next 2 days according to this [dosage chart](#).

Web Resources

- www.aap.org
- www.breastfeeding.com
- [Teething facts](#)
- www.preventiveoz.org
- [Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Vaccine Website](#)

