

When to call the doctor: The first two weeks



ASK YOUR DOCTOR IF YOUR BABY

- has trouble breastfeeding or bottle-feeding or refuses multiple feedings in a row
- has watery, foul-smelling stools or blood and mucus in diaper (diarrhea)
- has fewer than 6 wet diapers and 3 dirty diapers per day
- will not stop crying/cries for over 2 hours straight, despite comfort measures

CALL 911 OR GO TO THE HOSPITAL IF YOUR BABY

- has trouble breathing (rapid breathing, grunting, blue lips, or blue skin)
- won't wake up
- has a seizure
- has a fall with a possible head or neck injury
- has poisoning
- has been burned or experienced smoke inhalation
- has had a near-drowning experience

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION IF YOUR BABY

- has a rectal temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- has a rectal temperature below 97.8 degrees
- has yellow skin or eyes
- sleeps more than usual, is unusually sleepy, or is hard to wake up
- chokes routinely during feedings
- coughs frequently
- shows signs of infection around the umbilical cord
 - *there is pus or drainage around cord*
 - *the skin around cord looks red or irritated*
 - *the cord bleeds*
- shows signs of infection around circumcision
 - *bright red bleeding from the circumcision site*
 - *doesn't urinate within 24 hours*
 - *redness or swelling around the area*
 - *yellow or green discharge (often with a foul odor)*