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Kangaroo Care & Breastfeeding A booklet for parents





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Background

Despite the international recommendations in Italy it is estimated that on demission from the NICU only 30% of babies are receiving exclusively breast milk of which only 10% are breast-fed directly. Furthermore distribution of kangaroo care, although improving, is not yet fully satisfactory with many geographical differences in the country.

Aims

The CARE Group in collaboration with various italian NICU has created a booklet and a poster available to parents. The goal is to promote and support the kangaroo care and the start of breastfeeding in the preterm infant, so they are first the parents to expect to make before possible kc with their baby! While maintaining an interest and high attention in the professionals to these two fundamental aspects in the care of preterm infants.

Materials

This booklet is intended as a practical guide, easily accessible to parents of premature newborns. The booklet aims to highlight the keys points for skin-to-skin care and breastfeeding of preterm infants, starting from the first moments after birth and then step by step throughout the NICU stay until after discharge.





Possiamo sentirci...



Il bambino prematuro ricoverato in TIN Contatto pelle a pelle e allattamento al seno Consigli per i genitori







dare ai genitori TIN che le difficoltà sono assolutamente normali che qualsiasi cosa stiano facendo o qualsiasi quantità di latte le mamme stiano producendo va tutto bene: sono brave comunque! Penso alla stanza del latte, alle mamme (soprattutto dei piccolissimi) che ho visto piangere di fronte a barattoli troppo vuoti, a seni tormentati dalle macchine, al senso di inadequatezza, ai silenzi, agli sguardi furtivi sui barattoli delle altre donne che si tirano il latte, ai dolori piccoli e grandi che bisogna affrontare.. penso che sia importante dire a queste mamme che sono brave, toste e coraggiose solo a provarci e ad affrontare quello che mai





Methods

The first section of this booklet is dedicated to skin to skin care and breast-feeding the hospitalized infant. The **second section** is dedicated to preparing for home; It provides information also on twins and there is a space dedicated to key doubts and questions that parents have. To further assist the understanding of parents of premature baby are included two

chapters on major behavioral signals and the most frequent hunger signals.

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Results and conclusions

A poste the for the NICU

This booklet was approved by the Italian Neonatal Society and officially presented to the joint 2016 National convention of the Care group, Sedation and analgesia and Nursing. The booklet and the poster will be distributed by the National Coordination of Parent's Associations Vivere (comunicazione@vivereonlus.com) and will be disseminated as part of the initiatives of the Care Study Group.