Kangaroo mother care: practical Guidelines

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- 1. Definitions (kangaroo mother care and skin-to-skin contact)
- 2. Evidence of effectiveness and safety (short)
- 3. Description of the method
 - 1. Initial care of all newborn infants
 - 2. Level of care
 - 3. Timing
 - 4. Eligibility
 - 5. Position
 - 6. Duration
 - 7. Feeding
 - 1. Stimulation of breastfeeding
 - 2. Formula feeding before breastfeeding is established
 - 3. Expressed breastmilk
 - 4. Methods to increase milk production
 - 5. Relactation
- 4. Monitoring
 - 1. Breathing
 - 2. Feeding and growth
 - 3. Temperature
- 5. Discharge
- 6. Follow-up
- 7. Ambulatory KMC
- 8. Acceptability
- 9. Constraints
- 10. Requirements
- 11. Cost
- 12. Research needs