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Breastfeeding: Successful latch-on and feeding every 1.5 to 3 hours daily; audible swallowing

Formula feeding: Successfully taking at least 1 to 2 oz every 3 to 4 hours; voiding as described earlier

Circumcision: Wash with warm water only; yellow exudate forming, with no bleeding; Plastibell intact for 48 hours

Stools: At least one every 48 to 72 hours (bottle feeding), or two or three per day (breastfeeding)

Color: Pink to ruddy when crying; pink centrally when at rest or asleep

Activity: Has four or five wakeful periods per day and alerts to environmental sounds and voices

Jaundice: Physiologic jaundice (i.e., jaundice not appearing in the first 24 hours); feeding, voiding, and stooling as noted earlier or practitioner notification for suspicion of pathologic jaundice (appears within 24 hours of birth; hemolysis and ABO/Rh problem suspected), decreased activity, poor feeding, or dark orange skin color persisting on the fifth day in light-skinned newborn; obtain transcutaneous (or serum) bilirubin before discharge and identify risk with an hour-specific nomogram (see [Hyperbilirubinemia, Chapter 8](#)).

Umbilical cord: Kept above diaper line; drying, no drainage; periumbilical area nonerythematous

Vital signs: Heart rate, 120 to 140 beats/min at rest; respiratory rate, 30 to 55 breaths/min at rest without evidence of sternal retractions, grunting, or nasal flaring; temperature, 36.3° to 37° C (97.3° to 98.6° F) axillary

Position of sleep: On back