

Follow-up Care Instructions for Fever in Infants 0-3 Months



The most likely cause of your baby's fever is a virus. Most viruses go away without treatment. It is also possible that a bacteria is the cause of your baby's fever. To be sure of what the cause is, we will need to run tests called cultures. The results of these tests are ready within 24 to 36 hours. Please watch your baby closely at home while we wait for results.

Call your baby's primary care doctor or go to the emergency room if your baby:

- has any change in skin color, such as a blue or grey color to the skin
- is breathing too fast or too slow
- is not acting like their normal self
- is too sleepy, irritable, or is crying a lot and nothing soothes them
- is vomiting or not feeding well
- Is making fewer wet diapers than usual

Please call 911 if you are concerned that your baby is having a medical emergency.

It is very important that you follow up with your baby's primary care doctor within one day. Please call the primary care doctor by tomorrow to discuss how your baby is doing and to schedule a follow-up visit.