

Remember:



The usual bathroom scales cannot reliably record small differences in weights. That is why bathroom scales cannot accurately record newborn weight and it is not advisable to use these for weighing newborns.

All babies below 1.8 kg must be taken to a 24x7 facility or other facility known to provide referral care for sick newborn and examined by a doctor or nurse.

h. Umbilical cord care

- Cord should be kept clamped, till it dries and falls off.
- No application of any medicine is required if there is no bleeding or discharge.
- The umbilical cord should be kept clean and dry at all times.

i. Eye care

Skill checklist for applying eye ointment

If a newborn has pus discharging from its eyes you can put antibiotic ointment in the baby's eyes or a capsule which is available in the market.

How to put antibiotic ointment:

- Gently pull the baby's lower eyelid down.
- Squeeze a thin line of ointment moving from the inside corner to the outside of the eye.
- Do not touch the baby's eye with the tip of the tube. If the tube touches the baby's eyes, it shouldn't be used again.
- If the eyes are swollen with pus, then put the ointment two times a day for 5 days.

