

When Should I Call My Baby's Doctor?

Call 911 if your baby turns blue or has trouble breathing.

Call your baby's doctor if your baby has any of the following:

- Cries non-stop or is more irritable
- A temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit checked under the arm
- Frequent discharge from the eyes
- A hard time breathing
- Yellowing or rash on the skin that gets worse
- Redness, discharge or a foul smell from the healing umbilical cord
- Breastfeeding less often or taking less formula for more than 8 hours
- Green vomit or vomiting after more than 2 feedings in a row
- Hard to wake up
- No wet diaper for more than 8 hours
- Change in stool patterns, constipation or diarrhea
- Cough that will not go away, especially if there is a rash

If you have any concerns about your baby's health, call your baby's doctor, family doctor or health clinic. Never be shy about calling the doctor's office. Often talking to your baby's doctor or nurse will help you decide if your baby needs medical care. When you call the doctor, have written down:

- What is wrong with your baby
- Baby's temperature
- The name and phone number of your pharmacy

Keep a paper and pen nearby to write down the doctor's instructions.