

# 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 for several hours or is more irritable and soothing does not stop crying
- A temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit checked under the arm for babies older than 2 months, or rectally for babies less than 2 months of age.
- 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 a healing umbilical cord or circumcision area
- 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
- Fewer than 6 to 8 wet diapers in 24 hours
- Change in stool patterns, constipation or diarrhea
- Cough that will not go away, especially if there is a rash
- Poor muscle control or baby feels floppy when held
- Convulsions or seizures

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 and when the signs started
- Your baby's temperature
- Any allergies your baby has to food, medicine or environment
- The name and phone number of your pharmacy

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