

Sweet Pea Family Medicine

Babies under 2 months of age always need to be seen right away if they develop any of the following:

- An axillary temperature below 97.7 F (36.5 C) or above 99 F (37.2 C).
- A rectal temperature above 100.4 F (38 C). (Note: If axillary temperature is above 99 F then rectal temperature should be checked.)
- Not urinated within 24 hours of birth or not within 12 hours at any other time.
- Is under 24 hours old and has skin or eyes that are turning more and more yellow (this can appear to parents like the baby has a tan).
- Not enough wet or dirty diapers: Expect at least 1 wet diaper on day 1; 2 on day 2; and 3 on day 3; After the first week, at least 6 to 8 wet diapers in 24 hrs is normal. You should see at least 1 dirty diaper each day in the first few days of life; By day 4 or 5, your baby should be having 4 or more yellow bowel movements per day.
- A hard time waking up for feedings or seems too tired to eat, not interested in eating, is hardly ever alert, and/or is floppy (weak muscle tone).
- A belly button that is red, hot, or oozing pus or blood.
- Shortness of breath, a hard time breathing, or is breathing fast for several minutes, or looking blue around the lips or mouth.
- Vomits green liquid.
- Purple or blood-colored spots or dots on the skin.
- Any swelling of the head, face, or neck.
- A problem you feel cannot wait until the clinic reopens.

Call the clinic within 24 hours if your baby experiences any of the following:

- Is over 3 months old and has an axillary temperature of 99 F (37.2 C) or higher for more than 24 hours with no other visible symptoms.
- Is over 3 months old and has an axillary temperature of 99 F (37.2 C) or higher for more than 3 days, regardless of symptoms.
- Doesn't seem satisfied after feedings or is not breastfeeding at least 8 times per day or bottle-feeding at least 6 times per day.
- Has not had a bowel movement in the past 24 hours, or has stools that have mucous, blood, or a foul odor.
- Is over 24 hours old and has skin or eyes that are turning more and more yellow (this can appear as though baby has a tan).
- Coughs a lot or often chokes during feedings.
- Vomits more than 2 times a day, or has vomiting with diarrhea (vomiting is when the stomach contents "shoot out," not just regurgitation).

Well child checks are recommended at the following ages:

- Between 1 and 2 weeks of age
- 1 month
- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 9 months
- 12 Months
- 15 Months
- 18 Months
- 2 yrs Old
- 2 1/2 yrs Old
- After 3 years old, well child exams are yearly

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