Typical Newborn Feeding Patterns*

DAY/Time (e.g. Weds 5pm to Thurs 5pm)	NUMBER OF BREASTFEEDS	BEHAVIORS	WET DIAPERS	STOOLS	ТҮРЕ
Day 1 0-24 hours	6+ 	BABY: Tiny tummy, sleepy, quiet swallows PARENTS: Sleepy, Learning	<u>≥</u> 1	<u>≥</u> 1	Black/Sticky
Day 2 24-48 hours	Feeding Frenzy 8+	BABY: Tiny tummy, more wakeful, quiet swallows; might cluster feed PARENTS: Tired, worried about baby getting enough	2-3	□ □	Black/Brown
Day 3 48-72 hours	ALL DAY CAFÉ ≥8 □□□□□□□□□	BABY: Tummy expanding; baby very interested in feedings, fussy PARENTS: Tired, teary, worried about baby getting enough; mom's nipples may be slightly sore	4-6	<u>≥</u> 3	Transitional Brown/Green
Day 4 72-96 hours	Milk Production Increases >8	BABY: More settled after feedings; feedings may be shorter; might gulp PARENTS: Mom's breasts may swell and feel fuller; parents more confident about baby getting enough	4-6	<u>></u> 4	Transitional Green/Yellow
Day 5 >96 hours	Baby Growing ≥8	BABY: Continues to feed 8-12x /day with occasional cluster feeding PARENTS: Becoming more confident and comfortable with baby and breastfeeding	6-8 	<u>></u> 4	Yellow/Seedy

Do Not Restrict Your Baby From Breastfeeding. If You Are Having Difficulty Waking Your Baby For Feedings, Ask For Assistance. ©

^{*}Based on standards from the American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, *Breastfeeding Handbook for Physicians*, 2023.

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