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YOUR BABY'S AGE	1 WEEK							2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7			
How Often Should You Breastfeed? Per day, on average over the course of 24 hours	        At least 8 feeds per day (every 1 to 3 hours). Your baby is sucking strongly, slowly, steadily and swallowing often.									
Your Baby's Tummy Size A newborn tummy changes over time	 Size of a cherry		 Size of a walnut		 Size of an apricot		 Size of an egg			
Wet Diapers: How Many, How Wet Per day, on average over 24 hours	 At least 1 WET		 At least 2 WET		 At least 3 WET		 At least 4 WET		 At least 6 HEAVY WET WITH PALE YELLOW OR CLEAR URINE	
Soiled Diapers: Number and Color of Stools Per day, on average over 24 hours	 At least 1-2 BLACK OR DARK GREEN		 At least 3 BROWN, GREEN, OR YELLOW				 At least 3 large, soft and seedy YELLOW			
Your Baby's Weight	Babies lose an average of 7% of their birth weight in the first 3 days after birth and regain his or her birth weight by 10 to 14 days. From Day 4 onward your baby should gain 20g to 35g per day (2/3 to 1 1/3 oz).									
Other Signs	Your baby should have a strong cry, move actively, and wake easily. Your breasts feel softer and less full after breastfeeding.									



Breast milk is all the food a baby needs for the first six months. At six months of age begin introducing solid foods while continuing to breastfeed.

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