

Integrating Developmental Care Into Feeding Practice



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Program Topics Include:

- Fetal sensory system development
- Life in the NICU
 - impact of the NICU environment
 - reading infant neurobehavioral and state cues
- Feeding anatomy and physiology
- Sucking basics
 - non-nutritive sucking
 - nutritive sucking patterns
 - understanding the suck–swallow–breathe triad
 - respiration and aspiration
- Setting the stage for successful feeding in the NICU
- Feeding readiness
- Bedside clinical assessment of infant oral feeding
- Common problems and interventions
- Documentation and communication of infant feeding performance and staff assistance

What People are Saying....

"My goal was to provide education to my entire staff on evidence-based feeding practice and theory and to improve their feeding assessments. Three major outcomes came out of the program: (1) Improved patient care for smoother transition from gavage to nipple feeding. (2) Earlier detection of feeding problems. (3) Satisfied parents due to consistency in bedside care and parent teaching. That was the most significant accomplishment."

*Cindy Albright
Director of Infant and Children's Services
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"[This program] dispelled all feeding techniques learned 30 years ago and replaced them with updated, correct techniques."

"I understand infant cues better and I think I can help infants progress with their own timetable."

"This program unified all staff to feed infants the same way so infants get consistent care. Parents have more faith in staff as they also are being taught consistent methods of feeding."

"This class created for me an awareness among the staff about the whole feeding process...it isn't just a simple task but a complex, holistic process."

For more information about this one of a kind program, please call 781-871-6226 or 866-866-6750.



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