

Breastfeeding Duration: New Recommendations

Breastfeeding and providing breast milk is the best source of nutrition for infants. Based on the 2022 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy, they recommended exclusive breastfeeding for approximately 6 months after birth with continued breastfeeding along with appropriate complementary foods at 6 months, as long as wanted by both mom and child for 2 years or beyond. Breastfeeding and providing human milk is more than nutrition; it is beneficial to assist with a healthy immune system, promotes healthy brain and gut development, and prevents many diseases and conditions such as:

Infants:1

- Lowers risk of ear and lung infections
- Lowers risk of diarrhea
- Lowers risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Lowers risk of obesity

Mothers:¹

- Lowers risk of type 2 diabetes
- Lowers risk of breast, ovarian and endometrial cancer
- Lowers risk of high blood pressure

What If I Have Questions?

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• Birth & Breastfeeding

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