Clinical Update

Oral Therapy and
The Use of Mother's Milk
for the Treatment of Neonates



... Protocol Driven Solutions

Oropharyngeal Administration of Colostrum

Extremely/Very Low Birthweight Babies

Oral Therapy

Oropharyngeal Administration of Mother's Milk

NPO and Non-Orally Feeding Babies

Oral Hygiene

All Orally and Non-Orally Feeding Babies

Expected Benefits

Exposure to Biofactors/Immune Agents

Coat the oral cavity with slgA, interleukins lactoferrin, lysozyme and oligosaccharides.

Developmental Support

Introduce taste & smell of mother's milk to encourage maternal bonding, development of non-nutritive sucking, and calming/soothing.

Infection Prevention

Regular cleaning and moisturizing help reduce the possibility of healthcare-acquired infection and maintain good oral tissue health.

Expected Outcomes

Reduced time to oral feeds

Reduced time to enteral feeds

Shorter length of stay

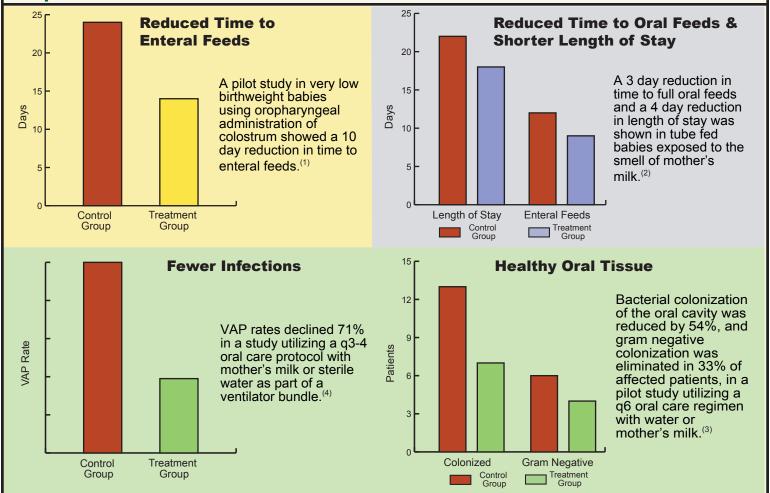
Healthy oral tissue

Fewer infections

Lower cost of care

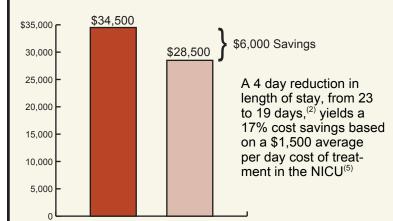
The Potential Impact of Oral Therapy

Improved Clinical Outcomes



Lower Costs and Other Benefits

Lower Cost of Care



In addition to direct cost savings, indirect benefits may accrue from a comprehensive oral therapy program:

- Oral aversion may be mitigated by introducing the taste of mother's milk.
- Non-nutritive sucking may be stimulated.
- Maternal bonding is encouraged both by acclimating the baby to the mother's smell, and by parental participation in oral therapy.
- Babies may be calmed and comforted by mother's milk.

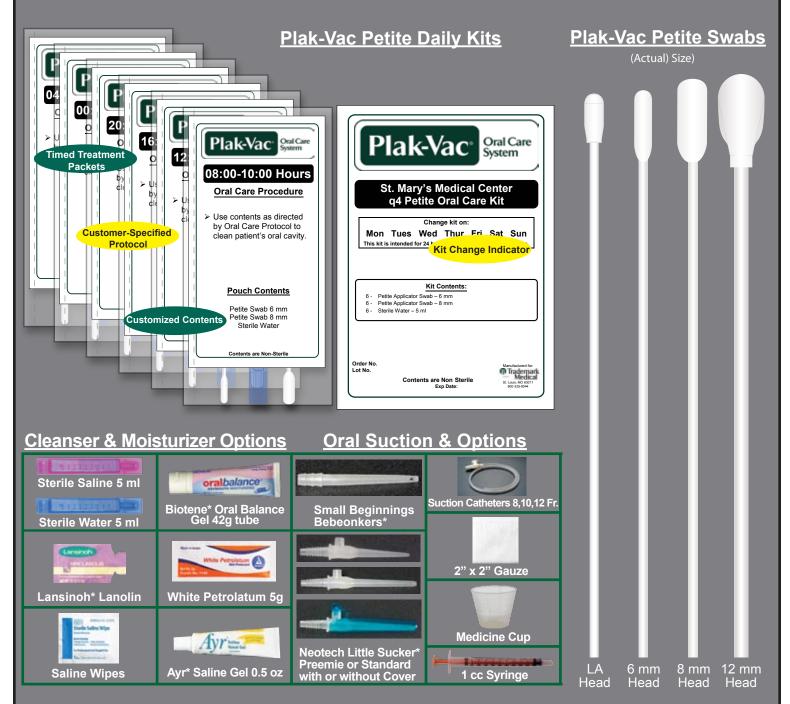
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