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# Levels of newborn care

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#### LEVELS OF NEW BORN CARE

- NEWBORN-
  - A recently born child or animal is called Newborn. From the birth( 0-28 days) to 4 week (28 days) of age.



#### **CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO SIZE**

- low birth weight infant (LBW)- birth weight is less than 2.5 kg (2500 gm)
- Moderately low birth weight (MLBW)- an infant whose birth weight is 1500 to 2500 gm (1.5-2.5 kg).
- Very low birth weight (VLBW)- A baby whose birth weight less than 1500 gms.

#### Cont...

- Extremely low birth weight (ELBW)- A baby whose birth weight is less than 1000gms.
- Appropriate for gestational age (AGA)- An infant whose birth weight falls between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 90<sup>th</sup> % in intrauterine growth curves.
- Small for dates (SFD) or small for gestational age (SGA) infant-An infant whose rate of intrauterine growth was slowed & whose birth weight falls below the 10% an intrauterine growth curve.

#### Cont...

- Intrauterine growth retardation (IUGR)-babies who do not grow adequately in utero.
- Premature (preterm) infant- A baby born before completion of 37<sup>th</sup> weeks of gestation ,regardless of birth weight.
- Post term- Any neonate born at or after 42 weeks of gestation is known as post term.
- **Term baby** any neonate born between 37-42 weeks of gestation.

# PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANT

- Care at birth-
- Appropriate place of care
- Thermal protection
- Nutrition
- Monitoring & early detection of complication-
- Appropriate management of specific complication especially infection.



#### LEVELS OF NEWBORN CARE

- Level-1
- Level-2
- Level-3
- Level-4



# Level-1(Well newborn nursery)



- Pediatricians,
- family physicians,
- nurse practitioners, and
- other advanced practice registered nurses.

# Level 2 (special care nursery)

- Level I capabilities plus:
  - Provide care for infants born ≥32 wks GA and

weighing ≥1500g need subspecialty services

on an urgent basis.



- Level I health care providers plus:
- Pediatric hospitalists,
- Neonatologists, and
- Neonatal nurse practitioners.

# Level III (NICU)

- Level II capabilities plus: -Provide sustained life support.
- Provide comprehensive care for infants born <32 wks GA and weighing <1500g and born at all GA and birth weights with critical illness.



- Level II health care providers plus:
- Pediatric medical subspecialists,
- Pediatric anesthesiologists,
- Pediatric surgeons, and
- Pediatric ophthalmologists.

# Level IV Regional NICU

• Level III capabilities plus:



- Level III health care providers plus:
- Pediatric surgical subspecialists.



#### Role of Nurse

- Primary care giver
- Health educator
- Nurses counselor
- Social worker



Team coordinator and collaborator



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- Manager
- Child care advocate
  Research
- Recreationist

- Nurses consultant

#### Conclusion

 Level of new born care is very essential or providing proper care to every newborn or prevent newborn for further complication and providing care according to newborn needs

#### Summarization

- Introduction of newborn and newborn care
- Principles of management
- Level of newborn care
- Role of nurse

