

DISCHARGE ROADMAP FOR FAMILIES



ADMISSION

NICU unit orientation
Review admission information
I do skin to skin (Kangaroo Care)
with my baby when able
I know my baby's feeding plan
(brought in bottles and nipples to be
used at home when ready)
I received education and/or
watched videos about:
☐ Safe Sleep and SIDS
☐ Shaken Baby Syndrome
☐ Car seat safety
□ Newborn State Screen
☐ Hearing Screens
□ Vaccinations
☐ Infant CPR
☐ Hand washing
☐ Secondary smoke exposure
I visited the recommended
websites/apps:
Healthychildren.org
Babystepstohome.com
♣ Handtohold.org
❖ My NICU Baby® App
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Name Sticker

DURING NICU STAY

Discharge meeting with the team
around the 34-week mark
Choose a pediatrician and call the
office to sign up and check insurance
coverage
I am confident caring for my baby
Ask the nurse if my baby has had:
☐ Vaccines such as Hep B or
Synagis® (sign consents for
vaccines)
□ Newborn State Screen
☐ Heart disease screen (CCHD)
☐ Hearing screen
☐ Car seat test (if needed)
Plans for my baby boy to be
circumcised if desired
I received medication teaching and
filled the prescriptions
Sign up for and attend CPR/
discharge class if offered
We are practicing safe sleep
Get trained on any special
equipment such as oxygen, monitor,
feeding pump
I installed the appropriate car seat
I stayed overnight if needed
I prepared my home (infant bed,
diapers, feeding supplies, etc.)

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My Baby is:
Maintaining temperature in a crib
☐ Feeding well
☐ Gaining weight
☐ Free from apnea and bradycardia
☐ Practicing safe sleep
I have all the appointments my
baby needs
Pediatrician, subspecialists, and
therapists
☐ Early Intervention
□ Visiting Nurse
□ Audiology
☐ Follow-up Clinic
☐ CHILD Clinic
□ WIC
Questions or concerns I still have
about my baby have been addressed
I know my baby's feeding plan
(amount, frequency, formula mixing)
All equipment and supplies were
delivered to my house
I feel well prepared and confident
taking my baby home
I know when to seek medical advice
from the pediatrician or call 911
I have an Emergency Contact list
available at home
The best time and contact number for
follow-up phone call: