

Nipple Selection Guidelines - According to Gestational Age at Birth

Gestation Age at Birth	First Nipple Feeds Start With:	Discharge Nipple
<p>Greater than or equal to 37 weeks</p> 	<p>Similac <i>Standard Flow</i> nipple. Pacing and or side-lying may be used to support coordination.</p> <p>Difficulty with Similac <i>Standard Flow</i>? Move to Similac <i>Slow Flow</i> (yellow ring). Pacing and or side-lying may be used to support coordination.</p> <p>Not successful? Request Developmental Feeding Assessment</p>	<p>Well-coordinated SSB, then discharge home on commercial nipple. See chart for similar flow rate to Similac <i>Standard Flow</i> nipple.</p> <p>Well-coordinated SSB, no need to transition to regular nipple. Discharge home on commercial nipple. See chart for similar flow rate to Similac <i>Slow Flow</i> nipple.</p> <p>Ask parents to bring in commercial nipple for trial 48 hours prior to discharge.</p>
<p>32 weeks to less than 37 weeks</p> 	<p>Similac <i>Slow Flow</i> (yellow ring) Pacing and or side-lying may be used to support coordination.</p> <p>Difficulty with Similac <i>Slow Flow</i>? Move to Haberman feeder. Pacing and or side-lying may be used to support coordination.</p> <p>Infants may use maximum 2 Haberman nipples in NICU and may take them home at discharge if needed.</p> <p>Not successful? Request a Developmental Feeding Assessment</p>	<p>Well-coordinated SSB, then discharge home on commercial nipple. See chart for flow rate similar to Similac <i>Slow Flow</i> nipple.</p> <p>Well-coordinated SSB, then discharge home on Haberman. At home, transition to a commercial nipple when infant is feeding well on third line of Haberman.</p> <p>Extra Haberman bottles and parts may be purchased at LHSC North Tower Prescription Centre (B1-001, Extension # 58082, Hours: 0830-1800h). Parents with feeding concerns may seek support through community services.</p>
<p>Less than 32 weeks</p> 	<p>Haberman (2 nipples/infant) Pacing and or side-lying may be used to support coordination.</p> <p>Infants will be screened by Physiotherapy for Developmental Feeding Assessment.</p>	<p>Well-coordinated SSSB, then discharge home on Haberman.</p> <p>Haberman bottles/parts may be purchased at LHSC North Tower Prescription Centre (B1).</p> <p>Infants will be followed by DFC to support feeding transitions or be referred to community services for support.</p>