

Starting a Donor Milk Program at your Hospital



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This process can be divided into 3 phases:

- Equipment
- Documentation
- Education



Equipment consists of three major items:

- Freezer
- Refrigerator
- Milk Warmer



Freezer

Warmer and Refrigerator



Documentation

- The main components are:
 - Policy
 - Consent
 - Work Standard/work flow

Tool Kit

- The Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition and Breast Milk for Babies teamed up to create a FREE Donor Milk Toolkit available at:
- mnbreastfeedingcoalition.org



In the Toolkit you will find 9 different documents to help you get started

Adapt these documents to fit your hospital



Education

- Staff
- Families



This is a crucial step to get everyone on board and giving the same message in a way our families feel comfortable and confident in the care they are receiving

Avoiding formula for any baby is a step towards avoiding disparity in our hospitals

Formula affects a baby's digestive system leading to lifetime health challenges



We need to provide human milk for human babies

All babies deserve this very best start in life



Why should you use donor milk at your hospital?

- This is what families are looking for when choosing a hospital
- It's evidence based best practice
- It saves billions of dollars in health care costs each year
- Using donor milk saves lives

None of this will happen unless you have support and understanding of the importance of this initiative from your leadership team



Make this a priority