

Assessment of Infant Formula Feeding

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- 1. Use this form to evaluate infant feeding practices or health conditions which may be contributing to intolerance of an infant contract formula.
- 2. If a concern is identified, provide guidance on appropriate feeding practices which may help alleviate or resolve formula intolerance.
- 3. Document a summary of the assessment and any specific recommendations in the participant's record.

Reported symptoms on contract formula:

Screening:	Response:
Has the infant been sick or had a fever?	
Has the infant recently been taking medications?	
Has there been a recent change from breastfeeding to formula feeding? Is relactation an option?	
How often is the infant fed? How much formula does the infant take at a feeding?	
At what angle is the bottle held?	
How is the infant positioned during the feeding?	
Is the infant burped at necessary intervals?	
If spitting up is reported as a problem, does this appear excessive? (It is normal for young infants to spit up a small amount after feedings.)	
If constipation is reported, what are the symptoms?	
Is the formula properly diluted?	
Is the formula adequately refrigerated?	

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Screening:	Response
Is the formula prepared in a sanitary manner?	
What is the water source? Is it safe?	
Is the infant fed formula leftover from a previous feeding?	
Were new foods recently introduced?	
Is there a family history of soy or milk protein allergy?	
Recommendations:	

Refer to the <u>Infant Nutrition and Feeding Guide</u> for guidance on:

- Appropriate bottle-feeding practices
- Resolving common gastrointestinal problems

Reference – Complete Listing of Hyperlinks

<u>Infant Nutrition and Feeding Guide</u> (https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/resources/infant-nutrition-and-feeding-guide)

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