



ROTARY COMMUNITY BREAST MILK BANK

Eligibility/Priority Criteria for babies needing donor breast milk

Introduction

The aim of the Rotary Milk Bank is to have donor breast milk available for all infants in need particularly in the first six weeks of life.

Some women have challenges to establishing and maintaining their breast milk supply and donor milk is often just a short term gift to a mother and baby until breastfeeding gets back on track again.

Qualifying Criteria

- Up to six weeks old
- Already had PDM (Pasteurised Donor Milk) in hospital with unresolved maternal or infant feeding issues – referral prior to discharge from hospital is optimal.
- Latching problems
- No or low weight gain
- Acute maternal illness
- Maternal medical conditions or breast related conditions, such as an abscess, which may affect supply
- Mother must be committed to breastfeeding.

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Ineligibility Criteria

- Adopted babies – because of limited supply of PDM
- Women who choose not to breastfeed,

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