



ROTARY COMMUNITY BREAST MILK BANK

Eligibility/Priority Criteria for babies needing donor breast milk

Introduction

The aim of the Rotary Community Breast Milk Bank (RCBMB) 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 of age, **depending in RCBMB's supply of Donor milk and the volume required**
- Baby has already received PDM (Pasteurised Donor Milk) in hospital with unresolved maternal or infant feeding issues – referral prior to discharge from hospital is optimal.
- Small for gestational age, ie. Low birth weight for the age of the baby.
- 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 and expressing to stimulate her own milk supply

Supporting babies with special medical conditions

If a baby with a special condition is requiring extended use of PDM beyond the six weeks of age, the attending clinician's letter must accompany the request for our records.

All requests considered on an individual basis and will be discretionary dependant on availability of pasteurised donor milk. Under no circumstances will milk be dispensed without the attending clinician's letter.

Definition of a clinician: - Paediatrician/Neonatologist or Registrar, the G/P or a lactation consultant.

RMB Volunteers and hours for supply.

The RMB is **open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30am to 1:30pm and on Wednesdays between 12:30 and 2:30pm. Phone 3756281.** The volunteers clear the phone messages 3-4 times daily outside these hours. The volunteers do their best to meet requests for PDM.

The RCBMB is not an emergency service, and requests for PDM should be made in a timely manner.

Volunteers will not be able to dispense PDM after 5pm in the evening or before 9am in the morning.

Ineligibility Criteria

- Adopted babies – because of limited supply of PDM
- Women who choose not to breastfeed,
- Babies who have been given formula
- Babies in NICU (except in extenuating circumstances)

See our file “RMB How can I get PDM if I need it” for details on accessing PDM. The volunteers do their best to meet requests for PDM.

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