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Your Baby's Age	1 WEEK							2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	
	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS	6 DAYS	7 DAYS			
<b>How Often Should You Breastfeed?</b> Per day, on average over 24 hours	 <p>At least 8 feeds per day (every 1 to 3 hours). Your baby is sucking strongly, slowly, steadily and swallowing often.</p>									
<b>Your Baby's Tummy Size</b>	 <p>Size of a cherry</p>		 <p>Size of a walnut</p>		 <p>Size of an apricot</p>		 <p>Size of an egg</p>			
<b>Wet Diapers: How Many, How Wet</b> Per day, on average over 24 hours	 <p>At least 1 WET</p>		 <p>At least 2 WET</p>		 <p>At least 3 WET</p>		 <p>At least 4 WET</p>		 <p>At least 6 HEAVY WET WITH PALE YELLOW OR CLEAR URINE</p>	
<b>Soiled Diapers: Number and Colour of Stools</b> Per day, on average over 24 hours	 <p>At least 1 to 2 BLACK OR DARK GREEN</p>		 <p>At least 3 BROWN, GREEN, OR YELLOW</p>		 <p>At least 3 large, soft and seedy YELLOW</p>					
<b>Your Baby's Weight</b>	Babies lose an average of 7% of their birth weight in the first 3 days after birth.				From Day 4 onward your baby should gain 20 to 35g per day (½ to 1½ oz) and regain his or her birth weight by 10 to 14 days.					
<b>Other Signs</b>	Your baby should have a strong cry, move actively and wake easily. Your breasts feel softer and less full after breastfeeding.									

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Breast milk is all the food a baby needs for the first six months — At six months of age begin introducing solid foods while continuing to breastfeed until age two or older. (WHO, UNICEF, Canadian Pediatric Society)

If you need help ask your doctor, nurse, or midwife. To find the health department nearest you, call INFO line: 1-800-268-1154. For peer breastfeeding support call La Leche League Canada Referral Service 1-800-665-4324.