



# **Perinatal Optimisation Passport**



This is a package of care to give premature babies the best chance at birth and protect their brain. Every baby is unique and every baby's entrance into this world is different. Some items on this list may not be possible. Please talk to your midwife or doctors to explore this.

### Place of Birth

(babies born early or small sometimes need to be born in a more specialist unit. Speak to your doctor to find out if this is the case for you) I am at the optimal hospital in case my baby(ies) needs to be born early.

I am aware that I might have to be moved to another hospital and if this isn't possible then my baby(ies) might need to be moved to another hospital after they're born.

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## **Antenatal Steroids**

(for all babies born before 34 weeks)



I have been given a full course of steroids to help prepare my baby(ies) for being born early.

Not Possible In Progress

Complete



## **Antenatal** Magnesium **Sulphate**

(for all babies born before 30 weeks)



I have been given Magnesium Sulphate to protect my baby(ies) brain.

**Not Possible** 

In Progress

Complete



## **Early Chest Milk**

before 34 weeks)



I have been given information about the benefits of early chest milk and have been shown how to express to make this milk for my baby(ies) before or within

Not Possible

In Progress

Complete



(for all babies born



an hour of birth.

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#### **Antibiotics**

(for all babies born before 34 weeks where mum was in labour)



I have been given antibiotics to reduce the chance of my baby(ies) developing an infection called Group B Strep.

Not Possible In Progress

Complete

# **Optimal Cord** Management

(for all babies)



After my baby(ies) is born, the team will wait at least a minute before clamping the cord, to allow my baby to be born safely and get extra blood from the placenta.

**Not Possible** 

Complete





### **Thermal Care**

(for all babies born before 34 weeks)



After my baby(ies) is born, the team will try to keep their temperature normal and will help us to hold baby skin-to-skin as soon as it is safe.

**Not Possible** 

Complete

## Respiratory Management

(for babies born before 34 weeks who may need it)



If my baby(ies) needs help with a breathing tube, the neonatal team will protect their lungs by using a special ventilator setting.

Not applicable Not Possible



Complete

## **Caffeine**

(for all babies born before 30 weeks and some babies born less than 34 weeks or who weigh less than 1500g)



My baby(ies) has been given caffeine to protect their brain and help their breathing.

Not Possible

Complete

It can be hard knowing that things could have been different. Please speak to your midwife or doctors if you are struggling with this. You are not alone.

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