

**MERITER IRB #: 2017-11**

**RESEARCH PROTOCOL TITLE:** Breastmilk on Babies' Bottoms: Does it prevent diaper rash?

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**STUDY PURPOSE**

To determine if breastmilk, when applied to babies' bottoms with every diaper change, prevents diaper rash in the NICU patients.

**RESEARCH PROCEDURES**

- RN's and parents will drip 0.5 ml (a couple of drops) of breastmilk, using a syringe, onto the baby's bottom with every diaper change in place of barrier creams
- Allow milk to dry before securing the diaper

***Time commitment:***

- Will start on day of life number 7 and continue through discharge from the NICU.
- No follow-up time needed

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SUBJECTS**

- All babies admitted to the NICU whose mother produces at least 160 ml of milk by day of life number seven
- Parents must agree to no use of barrier ointments during the study, unless a rash persists beyond two days
- Parent signs consent and HIPPA authorization

**COMPENSATION/REIMBURSEMENT**

None

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