

Care of the Parents Following Birth

Objectives

- Describe the normal attachment process during pregnancy, labor and birth
- List the steps in attachment
- Identify common patterns of maternal behavior on day of birth and the days following birth
- Review the importance of the breast crawl
- Discuss the sensitive period
- Summarize interactions with parents of a sick child or who have experienced neonatal loss

Content Outline

1. Attachment Behaviors
 - A. Pregnancy
 - B. Labor and delivery
 - C. Day of birth
 - D. During first days of life
2. Steps in Attachment
3. The Breast Crawl
4. Sensitive Period
5. Parent Interactions with a Sick Child or Following Neonatal Loss
 - A. Communicating medical information
 - B. Family-centered care interventions
 - C. Specific situations
 1. Congenital malformations
 2. Neonatal loss

Reading Material Resources

Module WB2202: Care of the Parents Following Birth is based on the resource listed below. A copy of the resource is included with the module.

Chapter 7, Care of the Parents, Klaus and Fanaroff's Care of the High Risk Neonate, Fanaroff, et al., Elsevier, 2020, 148-170e3