

## SIGNS OF ILLNESS

The newborn infant must be watched and evaluated more carefully if he/she gets sick the first three months of life. If you notice the following signs, you should contact us:

- If the temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher rectally  
(Please take your baby's temperature **before** calling)
- Vomiting (not just "spitting up") for several feedings in a row
- Excessive or inconsolable crying
- Listlessness
- Bowel movements that are looser and more frequent than normal
- Any unusual rash

Do **not** give any fever medication to a newborn without talking to our office first.

Please make the call yourself if possible. Relaying a message through a third party may lead to misinformation. In order to return your call, we need your child's name, date of birth, a brief description of the problem, and your telephone number. Please have a pen and paper ready when you call. Writing down instructions given by the advice nurse will make them easier to remember later.