

# 4 Month Well Child Visit Center for Child & Adolescent Health St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (215) 427-5985



# What will happen today:

- Your baby will be weighed and measured.
- Your baby will get the second set of shots.
- Your doctor will ask you what your concerns are about your baby.
- You and your doctor will talk about parenting, your home, you and your baby's health and safety, and keeping your baby happy and healthy.

## How do I know my baby is ready for baby food?

- Your baby can hold up his or her head without help
- Baby can move tongue around
- Baby can already take cereal from a spoon

#### How to Start:

- Baby should only have very smooth-textured foods
- Use a small spoon with plastic coating
- Start with rice cereal from a spoon (Do NOT put in bottle)
- Next introduce baby foods ONE NEW TYPE EACH WEEK (so you can know if it causes an allergic reaction)

## Avoid these Foods:

**Smoke Free** 

Home & Car

1-800-QUIT-NOW

- NO honey until one year old!
- NO hotdogs, grapes, peanuts, or other foods baby can choke on!
- NO juice until 1 year old (give in a cup)!
- NO table food until 9 months old!



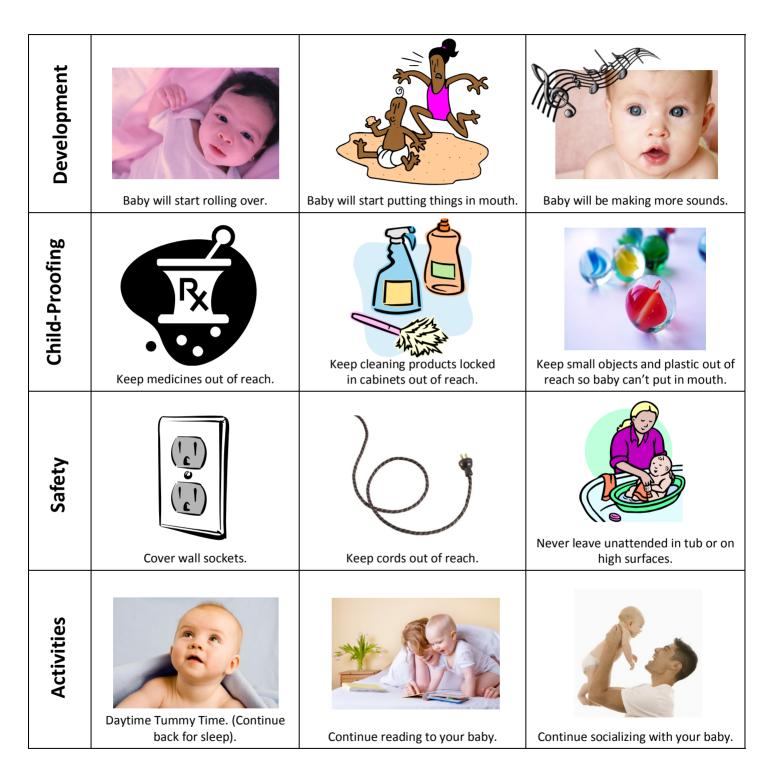




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# Staying Healthy for 4 Month Olds



<u>At the next visit:</u> Your child will have a physical examination. Your child may receive shots. If you need to discuss a concern about your child, please call us at 215-427-5985.



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