

Decanted Expressed Breast Milk (EBM) Checklist & Signature Sheet

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- 1. Decant milk into syringes for enteral feeds at beginning of shift (day/ night) for the duration of shift where possible
- 2. Decanting once per shift minimises the risk of contamination as less people are handling the EBM
- 3. Please label each syringe with a decanted EBM label and store in the patient's individual milk tray in the fridge
- 4. Two people* must perform EBM safety checks
- 5. If fortified, please have the patient's dietician sheet at decanting station to compare with Remember breast milk can only be hung by a patient's bedside for a max of 4 hours. (HSE,2022)

*Milk safety checks can be performed by the following:

- a) First checker must be a registered nurse
- b) Second checker can be a parent, registered nurse, student nurse (Intern or PRCNS) or health & social care professional

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- Baby's name
- HcRN
- Date of birth
- Date & time milk expressed
- Date & time if milk decanted / defrosted
- ID band at bedside

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		for 12hrs	Nurses Signature	Nurses Grade	NMBI	Signature	Grade/ Title	NMBI/ Corú/ Medical No	



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