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N4322- Maternal Newborn Care

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Clinical Experience Summary - Nursery

This report will be a minimum of 2 pages in APA format. Each question needs to have a minimum of **one paragraph** response. In-text citations should be utilized. Use your textbook, the internet, and other scholarly resources to assist with in-text citations.

1. **What is the priority nursing diagnosis for your patient? Why did you choose this diagnosis? (5 points)**

- Inadequate nutrition related to ineffective feeding pattern as evidenced by intake of only 15mL per feeding at 26 hours old. I chose this diagnosis for the baby because he was only drinking 15 mL each feeding at 26 hours of life, which would not have been enough to sustain appropriate glucose levels, hydration, and metabolic needs (Durham et al., 2023). Intake should progressively increase, even though modest amounts are typical during the first 24 hours (Durham et al., 2023). The baby's low intake suggested a possible nutritional deficiency (hypoglycemia), which needed to be monitored and treated by a nurse (Durham et al., 2023). The nurse practitioner caring for the patient also stated that the baby should be drinking at least 30mL.

2. **Identify 3 nursing interventions supporting the nursing diagnosis? Explain what these interventions are and why they should be completed. (15 points)**

- **Blood sugar checks after every feeding:** After every meal, the newborn's blood glucose level is measured using a glucose monitor or heel stick (Abramowski, 2023). This is completed because low milk intake (less than 15 mL each feeding) puts newborns at risk for hypoglycemia, which can result in seizures, jitteriness, lethargy, or long-term

developmental problems (Abramowski, 2023). Early identification and treatment of low blood sugar levels are ensured by checking blood sugar levels (Abramowski, 2023).

- **Glucose gel in buccal membranes:** Putting a small amount of glucose gel along the baby's gums or inside their cheek (Abramowski, 2023). If the infant is not yet eating adequately, this offers a rapid dose of glucose that is absorbed through the mucosal membranes, assisting in the safe and efficient elevation of blood sugar (Abramowski, 2023). It is a short-term solution to avoid hypoglycemia until feeding becomes better (Abramowski, 2023).
- **Providing a warm and comforting environment during feedings:** Keeping the infant near during feeding, reducing outside distractions, and making sure the environment and the infant are warm (Abramowski, 2023). Energy is used by newborns to regulate body temperature and manage stress (Abramowski, 2023). The infant may concentrate better, save energy, and increase intake in a warm, quiet environment, all of which promote development and guard against hypoglycemia (Abramowski, 2023).

3. **What was the evaluation of each of the previously identified nursing interventions? (10 points)**

- The infant's eating and general stability improved once the measures were put into place. When necessary, the application of glucose gel to the buccal membranes helped quickly increase blood sugar, and the infant handled it effectively and without any issues. Following each meal, blood sugar tests showed whether glucose levels needed to be raised or not. The infant was sustaining enough energy and not suffering from hypoglycemia, as evidenced by the latest check remaining within the usual

range. During feedings, the newborn was able to concentrate on sucking and swallowing in a warm and cozy setting, which enhanced intake and reduced weariness. All things considered, these measures were successful in meeting the infant's dietary requirements and encouraging development and safety.

4. Describe this patient culture (not necessarily ethnicity) and identify a minimum of 2 patient preferences relating to their culture. (10 points)

- The family's practices for feeding, comforting, and providing care have a significant impact on the culture of this infant. One cultural preference includes feeding on demand, which reflects a responsive and loving attitude by feeding the infant whenever they exhibit hunger signs rather than according to a set timetable (Cleveland Clinic, 2025). The family values skin-to-skin contact with the parent because it develops connection, warmth, and emotional stability for the baby (Cleveland Clinic, 2025). The nurse can promote the newborn's health and development while providing culturally sensitive care that is in line with the family's beliefs by acknowledging and honoring their choices (Cleveland Clinic, 2025).

5. Reflection of clinical experience. (5 points)

a. What was one thing that put you outside your comfort zone or made you feel uncomfortable?

- One thing that made me feel uncomfortable was sticking the baby's heel to check their glucose. Seeing all the previous pokes and blood on his heel made me upset, and this was my first time checking a baby's sugar. The nurse showed me how to use a warm bag on his heel to help promote the blood flow. The baby cried a small amount, but shortly after was content.

After collecting the blood, the nurse helped me wrap his little heel with some gauze and re-swaddle him. This was out of my comfort zone since I have never poked a baby, but it was a good experience, and I feel more confident to do this now.

b. In what way did you see coordination between the health care team (any discipline) to provide appropriate care to the patient?

- The nurse and the nurse practitioner were very much in collaboration for this baby's care. They both had raised concern, as this baby had a risk of hypoglycemia with his low blood sugar readings. The nurse talked to the nurse practitioner and communicated about the baby's blood sugar and feeding intake, and the nurse practitioner gave orders. The nurse practitioner ordered another round of gel for the baby, making this his third round of it. After the gel in the cheeks, the baby ate 30mL and his blood sugar rose to 70. The nurse practitioner told the nurse that she wants 3 readings above 50, making that one.

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