

## Bringing Home Your Newborn

When babies come home from the hospital nursery, everyone wants to see them. A new baby generally usually receives many visitors. For a few weeks, limit your baby's visitors, especially children. The baby needs a little time to build resistance to common infections. You don't know who might have a sore throat, cough or some other contagious illness. We suggest that you keep the baby out of large crowds or airplanes for eight weeks or until after they have had at least one series of vaccines of Polio, DaPT, Prevnar, HiB, and Rotavirus

We ask that our newborn patients come for their first check-ups within the first several days. We closely follow their weights and feeding patterns during this time; we also watch for jaundice and less frequent difficulties. Please call our office as soon as the baby goes home from the Hospital or Birth Center for your baby's first check-up. If possible, please bring any discharge papers you have been given in the nursery. This will be helpful to us, especially if we did not see your baby in the nursery.