

# **Infant and Pediatric Formulas:** Choices and Indications

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# **Objectives**

- Identify compositional differences of contract formulas for infants and toddlers
- Identify indications for use of specialty formulas for infants and toddlers
- Discuss methods to handle common infant feeding problems



#### Outline

- Overview of contract infant and pediatric formulas
- Indications for special infant and pediatric formulas
- Case Studies





#### Benchmark for Infant Nutrition

Breastfeeding is the preferred method of infant feeding to meet optimal growth and development. Benefits are numerous:

- Protein quality and quantity
- Low renal solute load
- Ease of digestion
- Immunologic agents
- Decreased incidence/severity of diarrhea
- Enhanced cognitive development
- Protection against necrotizing enterocolitis



# Barriers to Breastfeeding

- Young maternal age
- Lack of prenatal care/education
- Lack of professional knowledge/support
- Lack of support in the workplace
- Formula advertising and availability

Over 80% of infants in the United States are ever breast fed, but . . .

Only 44% are exclusively breastfed at 3 months and only 52% are still receiving some breast milk at 6 months.

# Breastfeeding in Michigan (WIC) (3/13/2017)

<ul> <li>Initiated/ever breastfed</li> </ul>	80.8%	(64.8%)	
<ul> <li>Breastfeeding at 4 weeks</li> </ul>		(38.8%)	
<ul> <li>Breastfeeding at 2 months</li> </ul>		(27.5%)	
<ul> <li>Breastfeeding at 6 months</li> </ul>	51.6%	(10.8%)	
which translates to			
<ul> <li>No breast milk ever</li> </ul>	19.2%	(35.2%)	
<ul> <li>Formula at 4 weeks</li> </ul>		(61.2%)	
<ul> <li>Formula at 2 months</li> </ul>		(72.5%)	
<ul> <li>Formula at 6 months</li> </ul>	48.4%	(89.2%)	

So, in our quest for a substitute breast (milk), at least for infants, what are the options?

#### Infant Formula Classifications

#### Standard Formulas

- Cow's Milk Based
  - Standard
  - Partially hydrolyzed protein
  - Prebiotics
  - Rice starch
  - Probiotics
- Soy Protein Based

#### **Specialty Formulas**

- Extensively Hydrolyzed Protein
- Free Amino Acid
- Lactose-Free
- Preterm Infant
- Preterm Discharge
- Lower Mineral

Human Milk Fortifier



### Pediatric Formula Classifications

- Standard Oral
  - I kcal/mL
  - I.5 kcal/mL
  - With or without fiber
- Standard TF
  - With or without fiber
  - Casein based
  - Blenderized foods
  - Reduced calorie

- Special formulas
  - Peptide based
  - Amino acid based
  - Fat modified
  - Clear liquid



# Ingredients

- Proteins
- Fats
- Carbohydrates
- Prebiotics/Fibers
- Probiotics



#### **Protein**

- Infant formulas
  - Cow's milk—casein and/or whey
  - Soy milk
  - Goat's milk
  - Amino acids
- Pediatric products
  - Cow's milk—casein and/or whey
  - Meat (chicken) and pea protein
  - Amino acids



#### **Protein**

The number of amino acids in a protein can be approximated from its molecular weight, measured in daltons, with less than 3kD defining "hypoallergenic".

- Whole casein 12-25 kD
- Bovine whey 14-67 kD
- Partially hydrolyzed < 5 kD</li>
- Extensively hydrolyzed < 3 kD</li>
- Amino acids average 0.1 kD



#### Fat

- LCT: corn, palm, soy, high oleic safflower or sunflower, canola, etc.
- DHA (algae) and ARA (fungus)
- MCT: Medium chain triglycerides
  - 8-12 carbon
  - Do not require bile or lipase to be absorbed
- Essential fatty acids: 18 carbon
  - Linoleic acid
  - Linolenic acid



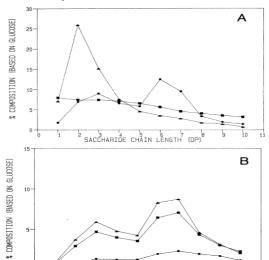
# Carbohydrate

- Lactose
  - Natural mammalian carbohydrate
  - Requires lactase, produced at the tips of the microvilli
- Sucrose
- Blenderized pediatric products also contain fruit and/or juice
- Corn derived carbohydrates
  - Complex
  - Simple



# Corn Derived Carbohydrates

Brooks JR, Griffin VK. Cereal Chem. 1987. 64:253-257.



SACCHARIDE CHĂIN LÊNGTH (DP)

A: corn syrup solids

- ▲ DE 33.7
- DE 24
- DE 17.7

B: maltodextrins

- **▲ DE 12.4**
- DE 10.9
- DE 4.8



#### **Prebiotics**

- Breast milk content
  - Galacto- and fructo-oligosaccharides
  - 200 distinctly different structures
  - 5-10 g/L—significant quantities
- Infant formula
  - Galacto-oligosaccharides
  - Polydextrose
- Pediatric formula
  - o Insoluble fiber—pea, soy, oat bran
  - Soluble fiber—FOS, inulin (chicory), oat fiber



# Probiotics—live bugs!

Of course, not every live bug, but:

"Live microorganisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host."



#### **Standard Products**

- Infant Products:
  - Enfamil
  - Gentlease
  - Reguline
  - Enfamil AR
  - Soy
- Pediatric Products:
  - Pediasure (oral)
  - Boost Kids (oral)
  - Nutren (TF)
  - Compleat Pediatric (TF)



#### Cow's Milk - Infant

- Indication: Infants 0-12 months
- Protein: 60:40 whey casein ratio
  - Ratio similar to mature breast milk
  - β-Lactoglobulin not α-Lactalbumin
- Carbohydrate: Lactose
- Prebiotics for normal gut flora
  - GOS galactooligosaccharides
  - Polydextrose
- DHA/ARA fatty acids
  - Worldwide average levels
  - Supports mental, visual, and immune development



# Cow's Milk - Partially Hydrolyzed

- Indication: fussiness and gas
- Protein: partially hydrolyzed
  - Advertised as "easy to digest"
  - 60:40 whey casein ratio
  - Uses soy based enzymes
  - Do not use for milk allergy
  - No claims for allergy prevention
- Carbohydrate
  - Corn syrup solids (80%)
  - Lactose (20%)
  - No prebiotics
- DHA/ARA fatty acids



Enfamil





- Indications: softer stools
- Protein: Partially hydrolyzed
  - Nonfat cow's milk
  - Whey protein concentrate
  - Soy based enzymes
- Carbohydrate:
  - Maltodextrin 50%
  - Lactose 50%
- Prebiotics: GOS/Polydextrose
- DHA/ARA fatty acids

### Cow's Milk Based - Rice starch



- Indication: Uncomplicated GER/regurgitation with appropriate positioning and feeding
  - Viscosity 10 times routine formula
  - · Flows well through standard nipples
  - Viscosity increases 12 fold in stomach acid
  - Do not concentrate to more than 24 Cal/oz
  - May be useful for some infants as a "thickened liquid" to manage suck/swallow dysfunction per OT/SLP
- Protein: 20:80 whey: casein ratio
- Carbohydrate:
  - Rice starch (29% in powder; 20% in liquid)
  - Lactose (59% in powder; 66% in liquid)
  - Maltodextrin (12% in powder; 14% in liquid)
- Prebiotics: GOS/Polydextrose
- DHA/ARA fatty acids





- Indications: galactosemia, lactose intolerance, or vegan diet
  - Do not use for preterm infant < 1.8 kg or 4 pounds birth weight
  - No proven benefit for colic or allergy prevention in high risk family
  - Use with caution in cow's milk allergy:
  - o IgE: if + milk, 10-14% + soy
  - Non-lgE: if + milk, 30-60% + soy
- Protein: soy
- Carbohydrate: corn syrup solids
- DHA/ARA fatty acids





- Cutaneous urticaria/angioedema: hives
- Gastrointestinal oral itching/abdominal pain/vomiting diarrhea
- Respiratory wheeze, laryngeal edema, rhinocongitivitis
- Anaphylaxis (milk = 8-15% of food related fatal or near fatal reactions; soy < 1%)</li>
- 10-14% of milk + may react to soy protein
- 10% of milk + may also react to extensively hydrolyzed protein



# Allergy/Intolerance: Mixed

- Atopic dermatitis
  - 40% may be food related
  - Milk + eggs + soy + wheat = 90% allergenic foods
- Gastrointestinal
  - Eosinophilic esophagitis—feeding problems, vomiting, abdominal pain, dysphagia, GER
  - Eosinophilic gastroenteritis—abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss



# Allergy/Intolerance - Non-IgE

- Food protein induced enterocolitis
  - Profuse vomiting and diarrhea within 2-3 hours
  - Dehydration/lethargy
  - Occult blood loss
  - Fecal smears: leukocytes and eosinophils
  - · Failure to thrive/ hypoalbuminemia
  - 45% (range 30-64%) milk + also react to soy
  - 30% of milk + also react to extensively hydrolyzed protein
- GER +/- not sole symptom
- Colic +/- not sole symptom
- Pulmonary (rare) cough, wheeze, dyspnea, recurrent otitis media, nasal congestion, anorexia



# Soy

- AAP Position Paper—2008
  - · Limited indications for use of soy formula
  - Market share 25% of infant formula prior to AAP statement, and 13% in 2009
- Use in Michigan WIC Program
  - 19% of all infants in 2008, down to <7%</li>



# Pediatric Standard Products (oral)



- Pediasure
  - Milk protein concentrate
  - MCT:LCT 20:80; DHA
  - · Corn maltodextrin and sugar
  - Products with fiber: FOS, oat fiber and soy fiber



- Boost Kids Essentials
  - · Casein and whey protein
  - MCT:LCT 20:80
  - Maltodextrin and sugar
  - Products with fiber: guar gum and soy fiber







## Pediatric Standard Products Indications

- Pediasure
  - At risk for malnutrition
  - I.5 kcal/oz for increased nutrient density/fluid restrictions
  - Sole source or supplemental nutrition
- Boost Kids Essentials
  - Inadequate oral intake
  - Increased energy needs
  - Malnutrition
  - Weight maintenance
  - Interim sole source nutrition





- Nutren Junior
  - Milk and whey protein concentrates
  - MCT:LCT ratio 20:80
  - Maltodextrin and sugar
  - Fiber product contains pea fiber, FOS and inulin (chicory)
- Compleat Pediatric
  - · Chicken, casein, pea puree
  - MCT:LCT ratio 20:80
  - Corn syrup, peach puree, cranberry juice
  - Fiber: partially hydrolyzed guar gum, fruit and vegetable fiber







- Nutren Junior
  - Growth failure
  - Malnutrition
  - Short- or long-term tube feeding
  - Fiber product—bowel management
- Compleat Pediatric
  - Support normal growth
  - May help address feeding intolerance common in children with developmental disabilities
  - Malnutrition
  - Reduced calorie—helps address disproportionate weight gain associated with developmental disabilities





# **Extensively Hydrolyzed Protein**

- Indications: allergy or sensitivity to cow's milk and soy proteins
- Pregestimil casein hydrolysate
  - Corn syrup solids, corn starch
  - 55% MCT, 45% LCT
- Nutramigen casein hydrolysate
  - Enflora LGG in powdered product
  - Corn syrup solids, corn starch
  - 100% LCT (palm, soy, coconut, high oleic sunflower)
- Alimentum casein hydrolysate
  - 70% corn maltodextrin, 30% sucrose
  - 70% sucrose, 30% tapioca (RTF)
  - 33% MCT, 67% LCT







# **Extensively Hydrolyzed Protein**



#### Other indications:

- Pregestimil
  - Fat malabsorption/steatorrhea
  - Intractable diarrhea
  - Cystic Fibrosis
  - Short Bowel Syndrome
  - Severe protein calorie-malnutrition
- Nutramigen
  - · Colic due to cow's milk allergy



- Alimentum
  - Protein maldigestion
  - · Fat malabsorption



# Extensively Hydrolyzed Protein Pediatric Product Indications



- PediaSure Peptide (casein/whey)
  - Malabsorption
  - Maldigestion
  - Other GI conditions
  - Contains milk and soy
- Peptamin Junior (whey)
  - Impaired GI function
  - · Critical illness/trauma
  - Transition from TPN to feedings
  - Cerebral palsy
  - Transplant patients
  - Not for use in cow's milk allergy





Use in infantile colic

- Manufacturers market for use in colic with relief in 24-48 hours.
- "Colic" not proven to be protein sensitivity
- If changed for this reason by health care provider, reevaluate and retrial on contract formula around 4-6 months of age.

# Cost comparison (per day based on 32 oz/day)

Standard formula (including soy)	\$4-5
Extensively hydrolyzed formula	\$6-10
Amino acid based formula	\$13-15



### Free Amino Acid Formulas

- Products
  - Elecare Infant (Abbott)
  - Puramino (Mead Johnson)
  - Neocate (Nutricia)
- Indications
  - Multiple food/Severe food allergies
  - Eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders
  - Protein maldigestion
  - Malabsorption
  - Short bowel syndrome
  - GERD (Neocate)
  - FPIES (Neocate)
  - · Other conditions requiring amino acid based diet





#### Free Amino Acid Formulas

Similarities:

- Protein: 1.3-1.5 times standard
- Powdered product only
- Vitamins: Similar to standard







#### Free Amino Acid Formulas

#### Differences:

Fat

Elecare Infant: 67% LCT; 33% MCT

Puramino: 67% LCT; 33% MCT

Neocate: 67% LCT; 33% MCT

• Minerals: Ca, P, Mg

• Elecare Infant: 1.4-2 x standard

• Puramino: I.2 x standard

• Neocate: 1.3-2 x standard

Scoop size:

Neocate and Puramino: I scoop/I oz water

• Elecare: standard I scoop/2 oz water









# Use in Michigan WIC: 2016

Amino acid based products

Frequency: 212

• Percentage: 0.45%

Extensively hydrolyzed products

Frequency: 414Percentage: 0.9%

Extensively hydrolyzed with prebiotics

• Frequency: 1468

• Percentage: 3.15%



## Breast feeding and allergy

- Breastfeed exclusively for at least 4 months if infant is at high risk for atopic disease
- Elimination diets in pregnancy and lactation are not recommended to prevent atopic disease
- Insufficient evidence for elimination diets for mothers of children with atopic disease



# Breast feeding and allergy

- Low-allergen maternal diet to reduce signs of colic only in infants younger than 6 weeks of age
- If an infant has a confirmed food allergy, the causal food should be eliminated from maternal diet
- If a breastfeeding mother is avoiding allergenic foods, refer for dietary counseling to prevent deficiency



# So, what's lactose free?

- Soy formula
- Extensively hydrolyzed formula
- Amino acid based formula



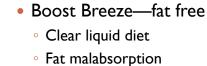
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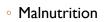
- Indications
  - Primary lactase deficiency (extremely rare in infants)
  - Secondary lactase insufficiency
- Notes
  - Changing formula to avoid lactose also changes other components
  - Soy formulas not indicated for malabsorption disorders

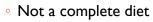


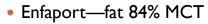
# Fat Modified Products











- Chylothorax
- LCHAD deficiency



- Management of intractable seizures
- Pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency
- Glucose type-I transporter deficiency



# Fat Modified Products: MCT/LCT

<ul> <li>Pediasure Peptide</li> </ul>	60:40
• Peptamin, Jr	60:40
<ul> <li>Pregestimil</li> </ul>	55:45
<ul><li>Pediasure</li></ul>	40:60
• E028 Splash	35:65
<ul><li>Elecare Infant/Jr</li></ul>	33:67
<ul> <li>Neocate</li> </ul>	33:67
<ul><li>Puramino</li></ul>	33:67
<ul><li>Nutren, Jr</li></ul>	20:80



# Human Milk Fortifier





#### Indications:

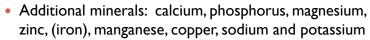
- Premature infants, birth weight less than 2 kg (4 lb 6 oz)—particularly infants less than 1250 grams (2 lb 12 oz) at birth
- Infants with low serum phosphorus levels or osteopenia
- Use as directed (I packet/25 mL human milk) until infant reaches 3.6 kg (8 lb) or achieves appropriate growth pattern (limit 20 packets/day)
- Not for use in term infants

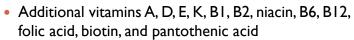


## Human Milk Fortifier Composition



- Cow's milk protein/whey
- Corn Syrup Solids
- LCT and MCT
- Adds 3.25 Cal/packet
- 4 packets/100 mL = 24 Cal/oz









#### Premature Infant Formula

- Indications
  - Infants < 34 wks, < 1850 g (4 lbs)</li>
  - Up to 2500 (5½ lbs) 3600 g (8 lbs)
  - Up to 500 mL (16.7 oz)/day
  - Rarely used after discharge
    - Weight less than 1850 g (4 lbs)
    - · Osteopenia and less than 3600 g (8 lbs)



- Protein: nonfat milk + whey
- · Carbohydrate: corn syrup solids, lactose
- Fat: MCT (40-50%), soy oil, other, DHA/ARA





#### **Enriched Formulas**

- Indications
  - Infant born < 37 wks, < 2000 g (4 lb 6 oz)</li>
  - Greatest benefit for infants < 1250 g</li>
- Composition
  - 22 kcal/oz per label directions
  - · Higher nutrient level/kcal than standard
    - Protein
    - Minerals
    - Vitamins
  - · Protein: non-fat milk and whey
  - Fat: as for preterm; MCT 20-25%





#### **Enriched Formulas**

- Studies recommend for 9 months corrected age or 12 months chronological age
- Until infant reaches genetic growth potential
  - Note growth delay during hospitalization
  - Note head circumference percentile rank
  - Note parental heights
- Until length/age AND weight/age are at least 10<sup>th</sup>%ile
- Monitor weight for length may increase to 95<sup>th</sup> %ile before catch-up linear growth begins, but weight for length should not exceed 95<sup>th</sup> %ile





### **Common Feeding Problems**

AKA Non-qualifying Conditions—but conditions which may require our attention anyway!

- Colic or Gastrointestinal Discomfort
- Frequent emesis
- Loose stools



# Case Study

Jackie is a 2 week old female born at 40 weeks gestation. Mom presents to your WIC clinic with a description of recurrent, prolonged, unexplained crying episodes and wants to try a different formula before everyone in the house goes crazy!

What do you do?



### Colic—What is it?

- In an otherwise healthy, well-fed infant:
  - · Recurrent, prolonged, unexplained crying
  - Diminished sooth-ability
  - Increased restlessness
  - Crying >3 hours/day, > 3 days/wk, > 3 wks
  - 20% of all infants regardless of sex, race, socioeconomic status, birth order
  - Begins week 2 to 3 of life
  - Peaks at 6 to 9 weeks
  - Resolves by 12 to 16 weeks



#### Colic—What causes it?

- "Diagnosis of exclusion"
- Immaturity of the GI system
- Immaturity of the central nervous system
- Difficult infant temperament
- Parent-infant interaction problems
  - Infants cues unclear/difficult to read
  - · Parents response may not match infant's need
- Carbohydrate malabsorption from fruit juice
- Cow's milk/soy protein allergy or intolerance



#### Colic—What to do?

- Refer to PCP
- Acknowledge difficulty
- Feeding related questions/coaching
  - Early hunger cues/satiety cues
  - Underfeeding/overfeeding
- Eliminate juice
- Gentlease—partially hydrolyzed protein
- Extensively hydrolyzed protein—retry standard formula at 4-6 months
- · Breast feeding: 2 week trial of milk, egg, wheat, nut free diet



### Case Study

Theodore is a 3 month old male with a history of vomiting. He vomits within 10 to 20 minutes after nearly every feeding. His growth is within normal limits, in fact his weight is at a higher percentile ranking than either length or head circumference.

What do you do?



# Emesis—When is it a problem?

- Normal:
  - "Gentle sloshing" up and out of mouth
  - I-3 tablespoons per feeding
  - Growth is within normal limits
- Problem:
  - Projectile or forceful vomiting
  - More than 3 tablespoons per feeding
  - Growth falters
  - Bile, blood, or coffee ground appearance
  - Recurrent upper respiratory tract infections
  - Concurrent with diarrhea



#### Emesis—What causes it?

- Position of gastroesophageal junction
- Gastroesophageal reflux
  - Up to 67% of infants up to 4 months
  - Resolves by 7 to 10 months
- Illness: food borne, gastroenteritis, etc.
- · Allergy: with diarrhea, growth faltering
- Intestinal obstruction
  - Pyloric stenosis
  - Intussusception
  - Intestinal volvulus



#### Emesis—What to do?

- Refer to PCP, especially if growth falters
- If growth is not affected:
  - Coach hunger/satiety cues
  - Encourage smaller more frequent feedings
  - Check seal on nipple for air swallowing
  - Burp frequently
  - Avoid jostling after feedings
- Consider a trial of Enfamil AR



# Case Study

Monica is a 7 month old infant who just finished a course of antibiotics for an ear infection after an acute episode of gastroenteritis. She continues to have up to six, loose, sometimes watery stools a day. Mom is exhausted from washing and sanitizing everything!

What do you do?



#### Diarrhea—What is it?

Stools that are:

- Frequent in number
- Large in volme
- Loose to watery in consistency



#### Diarrhea—What causes it?

- Carbohydrate malabsorption
  - Watery stools, gassy, cramping
  - Stool pH < 6 (acidic)</li>
  - Dehydration sometimes present
- Fat malabsorption
  - · Large, bulky, oily, foul smelling stools
  - Pale, white, or grey colored stools
  - Usually poor weight gain
- Protein allergy—usually accompanied by other symptoms: vomiting, atopic dermatitis, wheezing, bloody stool



#### Diarrhea—What to do?

- Refer to PCP
- Carbohydrate:
  - Gentlease—20% lactose
  - Prosobee—no lactose
  - Retry standard formula after 2 weeks
- Fat: medical condition specific
- Protein allergy:
  - Extensively hydrolyzed protein formula
  - Amino acid based formula
  - Maternal elimination of offending allergen

# In Summary

- Identify compositional differences of contract formulas
- Identify indications for use of specialty formulas
- Discuss methods to handle common infant feeding problems

# Michigan WIC Formula Update

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# Michigan WIC Formula Update

This presentation has been pre-recorded. Please address questions to:

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# **Abbott**

#### Elecare Jr

☐ Introduction of two new flavors has been delayed. No new date has been announced

☆Chocolate

⇔ Banana

Pediasure Peptide 1.0 and 1.5

**⇔**Reformulation

MCT:LCT Ratio changing from 50:50 to 60:40

♥Vitamin D, IU changing from

- ◆ Pediasure Peptide 1.0 125 IU/8 oz (1.0) to 237 IU/8 oz
- ◆ Pediasure Peptide 1.5 188 IU/8 oz (1.5) to 237 IU/8 oz

# Mead Johnson

Label graphics to change on all Michigan WIC Authorized infant formulas

- Will be reflected on next printing of Infant Formula insert
- Owl removed
- CReguline label color will change from peach to teal













Product

Enfamil Infant® 12.5 oz Powder Enfamil Gentlease.® 12.4 oz Powder Enfamil A.R.® 12.9 oz Powder Enfamil® Reguline™ 12.4 oz Powder

ProSobee® 12.9 oz Powder

Ship Date Mid-May Mid-May Delayed Early August

Delayed Mid-September Delayed Mid-September

# Nestle

#### Peptamen Jr HP

- ☼New product will consider at the next formula review
  ☼1.2 kcal/ml
  - ☼16 % of calories from protein (Peptamen Jr has 12 %)
- ⇔For critically ill children ages 1-13 with higher protein and energy needs

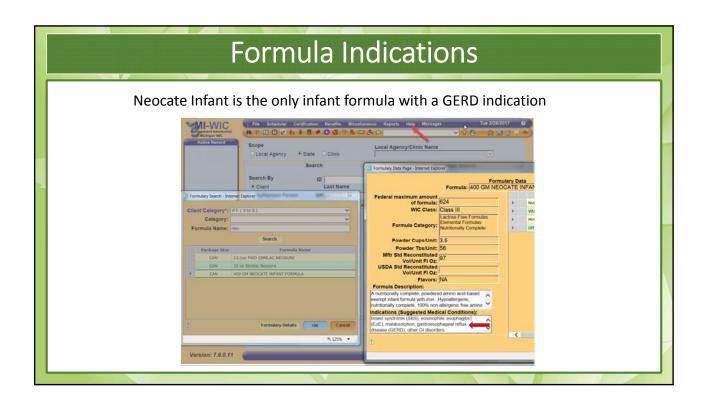
## Nutricia

#### **Neocate Syneo Infant**

- New product Will consider at the next formula review Syneo is a blend of
  - Short and long-chain fructooligosaccharides (prebiotic)
  - Bifidobacterium breve M-16V (probiotic)
- Only amino acid product with pre- and probiotics

# Formula Indications

- ☼ Indications for formulas
  - ☼ When uncertain, always best to check Formula Help in MI-WIC to determine if formula requested is indicated for qualifying condition



# Exceptions to the rule

The following formulas can be approved with GERD as the qualifying condition:

- ☼ Nutramigen
- Similac Alimentum

□Justification – most symptoms resolve with these formulas

- Consultation with experts in the field and supporting literature\*:
  - Majority of infants with milk protein allergy (sensitivity) symptoms resolve with an
    extensively hydrolyzed formula
  - The rest will need an amino acid formula
- Similac Alimentum can be approved when medical provider requests RTF:
  - Corn free manufactured in RTF only
  - Medical provider should address on MDF "suspected corn allergy"

<sup>\*</sup>Orenstein S, McGowan J. Efficacy of conservative therapy as taught in the primary care setting for symptoms suggesting infant gastroesophageal reflux. J Pediatr 2008;152:310–4

#### Failure to Thrive

- Often Failure to Thrive checked as a qualifying condition for a special formula.
- ☼ After assessment, in consultation with the medical provider (MP), the CPA/RD has two options approve or deny.
- Although some special formulas are overprescribed, err on the side of caution A discussion with the MP could shed light on the client's condition.
- MP may not realize that for an 8 oz formula, issuing the maximum would result in 3.6 bottles per day. The MP may be willing to agree on 1 or 2 bottles per day.

#### Failure to Thrive

- What you can do if unsure of the appropriateness of the formula:
  - Consult with the MP
  - Issue one or two months of formula and bring back child for a weight check
- What you should not do:
  - Change "maximum" to 1 or 2 bottles per day without consulting MP
  - Change expiration date (unless the cert end date occurs prior to expiration date)
  - Make a decision based on cost
- This same thought process can be used for any special formula

## WIC Policy 7.02 p.3 – Ready To Feed

Ready-to-feed (premix) formula can be selected under special conditions.

- a) Documented unsanitary or restricted water supply
- b) Poor refrigeration
- c) Infant's caretaker having difficulty in correctly diluting powder or liquid concentrate formula
- d) Product manufactured in ready-to-feed form only

## WIC Policy 7.03 p. 2

Fully formula fed (IFF) and partially breastfed infants (IBP) 6 through 11 months of age, whose medical condition prevents them from consuming supplemental foods, may receive Class I, II, and III formulas at the same maximum monthly allowance as infants 4 through 5 months of age.

- This would be in lieu of receiving supplemental foods
- Medical documentation required

#### WIC Policy 7.03 p.6/7 – Special Instructions

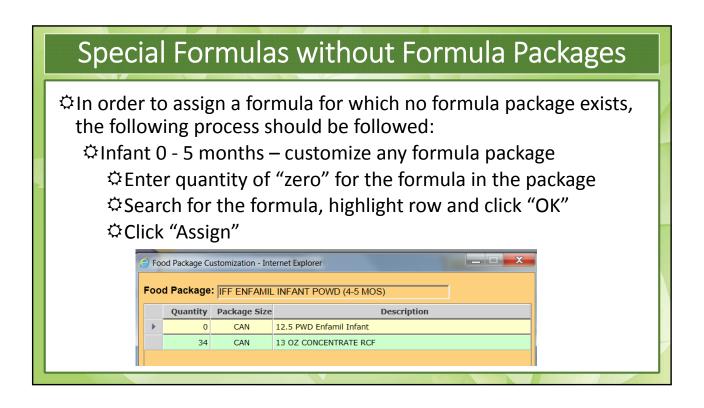
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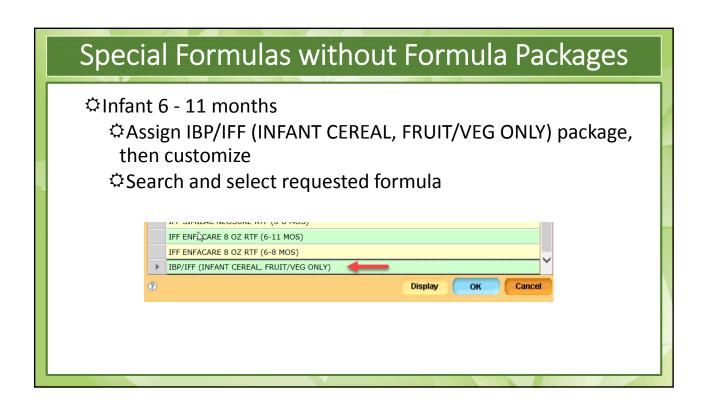
- i. Clients receiving Class III formula will be designated as high risk.
- ii. Electrolyte or oral rehydration solutions, e.g. Pedialyte, shall not be provided to WIC clients by the WIC Program.
- iii. Similac NeoSure, and Enfamil Enfacare are available only to **premature or low birth weight infants** who have reached four (4) pounds, until catch up growth is complete or until 9 months to 1 year adjusted age.
- iv. Similar Special Care 24 with Iron and Enfamil Premature 24 CAL are available to premature infants until the infant reaches a body weight of eight (8) pounds.
- v. Enfaport, Elecare Infant, Neocate Infant, and Similac PM 60/40, may be assigned up to one year adjusted age for premature infants only.

## Special Formulas without Formula Packages

The following formulas do not have a defined infant formula (food) package:

- ⇔RCF
- \$Similac PM 60/40





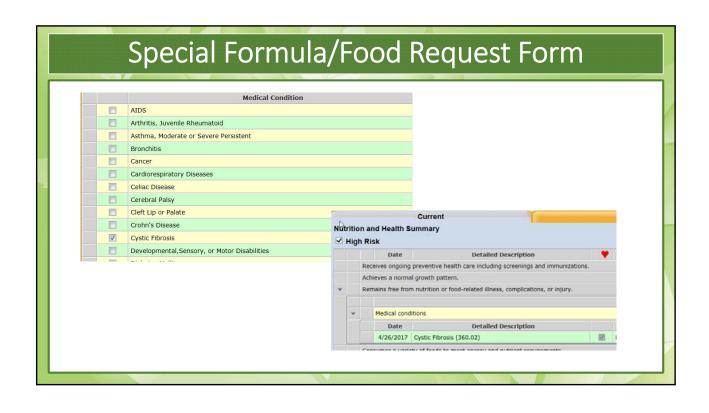
#### Sourcing Special Formulas

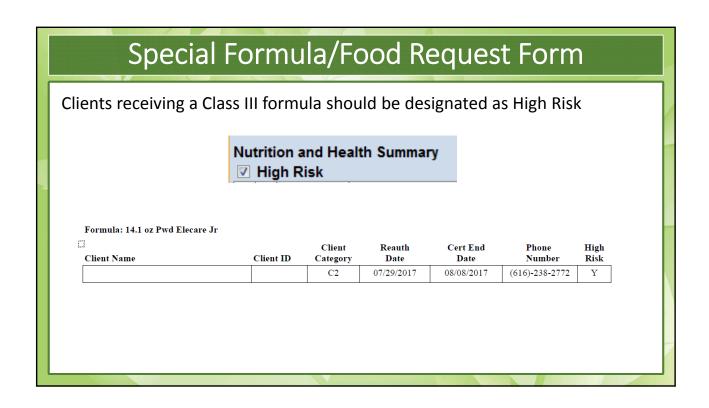
- Unique formulas seldom issued require assistance from the LA/CPA to help client redeem through vendor pharmacy
- National Distribution Code (NDC) is best way to determine if pharmacy can order, especially if there are a variety of flavors
- Contact pharmacy and ask pharmacist/pharmacy tech if they can order formula using NDC code rather than formula name – less chance of error
  - Among pharmacies, including Walmart and Meijer, use McKesson as their medical distributor
  - Troger and CVS utilize Cardinal as their medical distributor
- When clients report difficulty finding a pharmacy able to order special formula:
  - CRun Report/Participation/Formula Usage Report to find other clients redeeming the formula
  - ☼ Look up in EPPIC using family ID (with a W at the end) to find vendor able to provide product
  - Call DuJour line for assistance if necessary



Special Formula/Food Request Form
Section 1
The diagnosis should be "specified."
1. QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION(s):    Premature birth < 37 weeks gestation   Failure to thrive   Severe food allergies (specify)   Immune system disorder (specify)   Metabolic disorder/inborn errors of metabolism (specify)   Medical condition that impairs nutrition status (specify)   Gastrointestinal disorder/malabsorption syndromes (specify)

Special Formula/Food Request Form
Qualifying condition meets requirement?
1. QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION(S):    Premature birth < 37 weeks gestation   Failure to thrive   Severe food allergies (specify)   Immune system disorder (specify)
Metabolic disorder/inborn errors of metabolism (specify) Medical condition that impairs nutrition status (specify) Gastrointestinal disorder/malabsorption syndromes (specify)

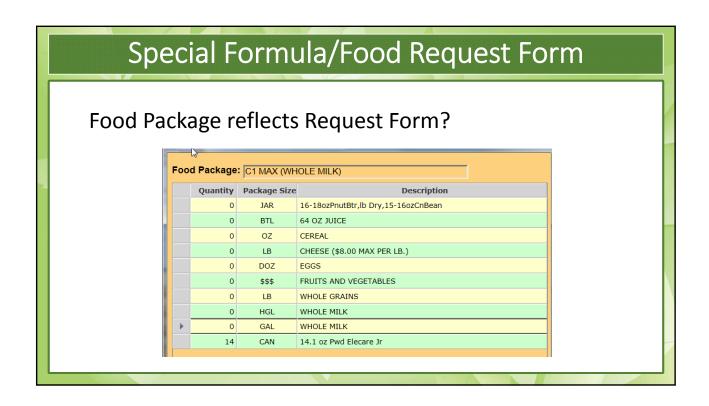




Spe	cial Formula/Food Request Form	
Section 2	)	
2. FORMULA:		7
	quested:  Ounces/day or Maximum Allowable*  Up to the WIC maximum allowable may be provided. Maximum allowable may not meet patient's full need.  t of Michigan Authorized Formulas is available at: www.michigan.gov/wic. click on Medical Providers	
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	Indications (Suggested Medical Conditions):	
	hydrolysate formulas. It is nutritional therapy for	
	severe food allergies, eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders, short-bowel syndrome, and malabsorptive	

Special F	ormula/Food Re	quest Form
All (issue all allowed age appropriate Restriction (check foods to be OMI	TTED):	
Infant (6-12 months)  All (issue formula only)  Infant cereal  Infant fruits/vegetables	Child (1-5 years) and Woman  All (issue formula only)  Milk  Yogurt  Cheese  Eggs  Legumes  Peanut butter  Breakfast cereal  Bread, rice, tortilla, oatmeal, pasta  Fresh fruits/vegetables  100% fruit/vegetable juice  Canned fish (women only)	Special Instructions/Comments:
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Special Formula/Food Request Form	
Section 4 (Optional)	
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Special Formula/Food Request Form							
Section 5							
5. DURATION:  1 month 2 mont	ns 3 months 4	months 5 months	6 months (m	aximum approval)			
Medical Provider Name		WIC Use Only	Client # (Optional)				
Address		Approved Through (Optional)					
Phone Number	Fax	Reason (if denied)					
Signature	Date	Signature (if denied)		Date			
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