

## 4 Month Old Child Wellness Visit

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### What will happen today:

- You and your medical provider will talk about parenting, your home, your baby's health and safety, and keeping your baby happy and healthy
- Your baby will be weighed and measured
- They are due for their second set of shots
- Your medical provider will address any concerns you have

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

- Your baby can hold up their head without help
- They can move their tongue around
- Your baby can already take cereal from a spoon

#### **How to Start:**

- Your 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:**

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







# Staying Healthy for 4 Month Olds

# **Development** Your baby will be making more sounds Your baby will start rolling over They will start putting things in mouth **Child-Proofing** Keep small objects and plastic out Keep cleaning products locked in cabinets out of reach Keep medicines out of reach of reach so baby can't put in mouth Never leave your baby unattended Cover wall sockets Keep cords out of reach in a tub or on high surfaces Activities Daytime tummy time (continue back for sleep) Continue reading to your baby Continue socializing with your baby

#### At the next visit:

- Your baby will have a physical exam
- They may receive shots

