



The Core Measure on Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding **SafeBabyBMT is the only solution that meets and exceeds all requirements**

On March 31st of this year the Joint Commission retired their previous Core Measure regarding Pregnancy and Related Conditions. A new Perinatal Core Set was created. This new core set creates new guidelines and parameters for Breast Milk Feeding, which make SafeBabyBMT an even more essential tool for today's NICU.

The new Core Measure makes the need for proper and thorough documentation clear- for a hospital to be compliant with the Perinatal Core Measure it must modify any paper charting and/or EMR charting.

According to the Joint Commission, Charting of the Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding process is essential for the following reasons:

1. It can drive quality improvements in evidence-based care
2. It allows for a complete and comprehensive tracking of progress from week-to-week, month-to-month and year to year.
3. Inadequate charting can impede progress for any hospital serious about delivering evidence-base care

An important area to note is that while this updated Core Measure is for Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding, jcaho considers Expressed Breast milk feeding, i.e. Bottle or Syringe Feeding a part of this Core Measure. **Thus, any hospital that feeds a newborn with Breast milk in either a syringe or bottle needs to follow these Core Measures,** making SafeBabyBMT indispensable for them.

The New Core measure recommends that the following be tracked for every child and every feed

1. **The tracking of supplements (Formula/Fortifications/Additives) in any feed.** Also, any hospital that wishes to have the "**Baby Friendly**" designation is also required to document the route and type of supplement. SafeBabyBMT already does this and we are the only EBM tracking system to track supplements. If a hospital is serious about following jcaho and is also serious about becoming a Baby-Friendly hospital then SafeBabyBMT is the only viable BMT system for them.
2. **The volume of Breast Milk Feeds in a Hospital.** Again, SafeBabyBMT already has a report that shows every feed a child has been given, with the volume, date/time, the nurse performing the feed, and whether the feed was EBM, Donor Milk or Formula. We also have the ability to create custom reports for hospitals that track what type of supplements were given to a child and when, the

percentage of EBM feeds to Formula feeds and the tracking of donor milk of formula from the moment it arrives at a hospital through combining/splitting and the ultimate feed. States and governing bodies such as the Texas Ten-Step are now requiring this type of tracking and documentation. With the SafeBabyBMT system they simply have to click on a button to pull this report up, instead of reviewing hundreds and hundreds of spread sheets and compiling the essential information manually.

The Joint Commission is suggesting that the following sources for collecting EBM data be tracked

1. **Discharge Summary-** SafeBabyBMT offers an extensive and configurable series of reports that completely satisfy this recommendation. Our competitors do not track Fortifications/Additives, Donor Milk or Formula so they have no way of supplying this information to the Hospital.
2. **Feeding Flow Sheets-** SafeBabyBMT has a thorough reporting feature for each infant and each feed. Again, our competitors can't offer any type of Feeding Sheets with the information requested by the Joint Commission.
3. **Individual Treatment Plans-** with SafeBaby's ability to interface to a Hospital Electronic Medical Recording(EMR) we are able to track any changes to Fortifications and Additives and send essential information to the EMR.

The Joint Commission now suggests new approaches to accurate Data Collection that SafeBabyBMT already had implemented.

1. **They want Hospitals to avoid using the word bottle as a synonym for Formula.** SafeBabyBMT is the only system that gives every type of milk its proper designation. Whether it's EBM in a Bottle or Syringe SafeBabyBMT specifies the type. Donor Milk is given a proper designation, as is Formula. Jcaho recommends that a hospital is as specific as possible about the milk the baby is consuming. SafeBabyBMT does this already in a simple and effective manner.
2. **They request that a special charting section is created for any supplements to EBM.** Because our competitors do not track Fortifications/Additives, Formula or Donor Milk this is impossible for them to do. We have this ability and we also print out Additive labels that show exactly what additives/fortifiers/formula are present in a child's milk.
3. **Key information must now be summarized-** jcaho suggests that any key information be in a ready-made option for the user to choose in a manner that the information can be readily extracted. Unless a NICU is using some type of Electronic charting it is impossible for them to simply and easily extract any type of information. With SafeBabyBMT and only SafeBabyBMT, the user selects a report, selects the date range and then has all the information at his or her fingertips.

4. **Universal Data collection on all infants will support consistent practices and is preferable to sampling-** Without an electronic system compiling all of the feed and supplement information that jcaho is now suggesting it is almost impossible time-wise to do anything but sampling. SafeBabyBMT supports consistent and comprehensive practices and places all essential information at the user's fingertips.
5. **Point of Use inventory management can support documentation of Feeding Practices-** SafeBabyBMT is the only system that tracks formula and fortifications in an automated and immediate manner. Jcaho is now requesting that hospitals wishing to be compliant document and track in such a manner. SafeBabyBMT can save a hospital time and effort by automatically doing this.

Jcaho also recommends additional measures that only SafeBabyBMT fulfills.

1. **Documentation should allow easy measurement of breastfeeding initiation rates-** SafeBabyBMT has embedded reporting that quickly show how much milk a child has been fed, the volume of milk vs. formula a hospital is feeding and a vast number of other tools to show initiation.
2. **Documents that include the route of supplement administration-** SafeBabyBMT is the **ONLY** application that tracks fortifiers in the Expressed breast Milk feed. We also are the **ONLY** application that tracks all Supplements. If a hospital is serious about following these measures then they will require SafeBabyBMT.

Compliances and recommendations such as jcaho, "Baby-Friendly Hospitals" and state initiatives like the Texas Ten-Step and now making it mandatory for hospitals to have a tracking and documentation feature installed. Manual charting takes too much time for the nurses, isn't easily accessible, can contain human error and is not thorough enough to satisfy these requirements.

Automatic Charting and tracking is the only way for a hospital to insure that they are following each of these guidelines. SafeBabyBMT is the **ONLY** application on the Market that fulfills each and every compliance recommendation. Our competitors are unable to track any type of Fortifications, Formula or Donor Milk. The new Core Measures makes it clear that if they are limited in this way then they are an inadequate solution for a hospital's requirements. The new Core Measures only cement the fact that SafeBabyBMT should be the only Breast Milk Tracking system considered by any hospital serious about following jcaho and other compliances.