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Questions to ask at your NICU visit

- What can I expect my baby to be hooked up to (IV, breathing tube, monitors, etc) and can you explain or show me them?
- If your hospital has multiple NICU pods, which one will your baby likely be in?
- Can I go back and forth while in the maternity unit?
- Who will take care of my baby while in the NICU?
- Can you tell me about the experience level of the NICU staff, particularly with omphalocele cases?
- When can I visit my baby? Can I stay with them overnight?
- Is the NICU ever closed? What are the hours?
- How many visitors can we have at a time?
- Is their video access to see my baby when I'm not there?
- If I have questions when I am not here, who do I call?
- What am I allowed to bring in there (water, snacks)?
- Can I bring any of my things to work if I stay in my baby's bed space?
- Can I bring my own baby clothes and linens?
- Can I bring a baby sign or anything to make our space special?
- Can we take photos in the NICU?
- Do you have someone we can set up professional photos with?
- Is there a breast pump I can use while here and a lactation room?
- Do you have milk storage bags (some places give you bottles to store)?
- Will my baby have the same nurses? Does this NICU have primary nurses?
- When can my baby wear clothes?
- Do the doctors do rounds at the same time every day?
- Can I help with my baby's diaper changes and feedings?

- Is there a lactation consultant?
- What level is the NICU? If baby requires a higher level of NICU what is the process for transferring?
- Is there a place like the Ronald Mcdonald house or some kind of housing available while my baby is here?
- Do I have to pay for parking everyday or do I get a pass?