

Controlled Flow® Baby Feeder

Everyday in hospitals across the country, premature and medically fragile babies struggle with the ability to feed and receive nutrition orally. The medical condition of the baby combined with a lack of medical devices designed to address this issue has added to long hospital stays and sizable healthcare costs. Bionix Medical Technologies has developed a product that is intended to improve this situation.

Features and Benefits

The Controlled Flow® Baby Feeder is an innovative new system that controls the flow of nutrition equal to the feeding capabilities of the individual baby. By catering to the needs of the individual baby, the Controlled Flow Baby Feeder helps them develop the skills needed to successfully oral feed.

Key Attributes

- Successfully transition babies from non-oral to oral feeds.
- Controls flow of nutrition utilizing six, easy to adjust, settings beginning with a "zero" flow for non-nutritive sucking; and gradually increases in levels 1-5.
- Introduces nutrition at a very slow rate to stimulate esophageal motility and to condition the sensory system as the baby begins to associate taste with appetite satiation.
- Allows caregiver to increase or decrease flow based on cues provided by the baby during feeding.
- Reduces the risk of aspiration while the baby learns to coordinate a timely suck, swallow, breathe sequence.
- Alleviates need to remove the nipple from the baby's mouth when transitioning from non-nutritive to nutritive sucking, reducing the risk for disorganized feeding states.
- Controlled flow allows various caregivers to provide consistent feedings.
- Enables babies of different ages or medical circumstances to begin feeding at levels appropriate to their needs.
- Made in the U.S.A.



Standard Feeder

Product #	Description
1000	12 complete Baby Feeder Units/box
1010	6 complete Baby Feeder Units/box -
1020	12 replacement nipples & cap rings
1030	1 Standard Baby Feeder Unit

Premie Feeder

Product #	Description
1005	12 Premie Baby Feeder Units/box
1015	6 Premie Baby Feeder Units/box -
1025	12 replacement Premie nipples & cap rings
1035	1 Premie Baby Feeder Unit



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Flow Level Descriptions

0. Zero Flow - Non-nutritive sucking
1. Taste
2. Slow Drip
3. Trickle
4. Steady Flow
5. Stage 1 Nipple



Usage Instructions

1. You may begin using the Controlled Flow Baby Feeder on setting 0 (non-nutritive sucking) in place of a pacifier to familiarize the baby to the nipple and trigger positive visual stimulation from the bottle, as well as to begin to pace the baby.
 - a. If the baby is more advanced in their feeding abilities, begin on setting 0 to allow the baby to calm and organize itself for feeding. Once non-nutritive sucking has been established, select appropriate flow setting and begin feeding.
2. To change flow settings simply apply force on the thumb pad and push laterally. The Controlled Flow Baby Feeder allows the user to adjust flow rates without removing the nipple from the baby's mouth.
 - a. Helpful Hint - Push laterally to adjust flow rates. Applying downward force makes adjustment more difficult.
 - b. Helpful Hint - An overhand position is suggested for holding the Baby Feeder as it allows the user maximum control when adjusting flow levels.
3. As the baby progresses in their feeding abilities, a faster flow setting may be utilized. This device is designed to gradually increase the amount of nutrition received through oral feedings.
 - a. Monitor cues from the baby to determine if the flow setting should be adjusted to a faster or slower flow.
4. Once the baby reaches flow level 5 they are feeding at or near a flow rate of a stage 1 nipple.



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