

# Frequently Asked Questions: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital

## **When will I see my child's doctor?**

Your child's neonatologist, a doctor who specializes in the care of newborn babies with fragile medical needs, will visit daily to discuss your baby's condition and collaborate on a care plan.

## **Can I stay with my child?**

Parents and guardians can be with their baby at any time. Each room has a designated area where one parent can spend the night. When you can't be at the hospital with your baby, you can log onto the internet and see your baby on a web camera.

## **How often will my baby have their diaper changed, be fed, etc.?**

Nurses will visit your baby regularly to check vital signs, change diapers, provide other care and start feedings. These are called "cares" and you are welcome to participate fully in your baby's care.

## **When will we go home?**

As your baby's corrected gestational age nears 36 weeks, you and your care team will begin talking about plans for discharge. However, because each child is different, it's often difficult to predict a length of stay. Parents are encouraged to participate in daily rounds to receive information, help develop care plans for each day as well as after discharge, and get their questions answered.

## **Do I have to pay for parking?**

We offer parking validation for parents.