## GUIDELINES FOR NURSING MOTHERS

How Often Should You Breastfeed? Per day, on average over 24 hours At least 8 feeds per day (every 1 to 3 hours). Your baby is sucking strongly, slowly, steadily and swallowing often. Your Baby's Tummy Size Size of an apricot Size of an egg Size of a cherry Size of a walnut **Wet Diapers:** How Many, How Wet Per day, on average over 24 hours At least 1 At least 2 At least 3 At least 4 At least 6 HEAVY WET WITH PALE YELLOW OR CLEAR URINE WET WET WET WET **Soiled Diapers: Number and Colour of Stools** Per day, on average over 24 hours At least 3 large, soft and seedy At least 1 to 2 At least 3 BROWN, GREEN, OR YELLOW YELLOW **BLACK OR DARK GREEN** From Day 4 onward your baby should gain 20 to 35g per day ( $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  oz) and regain his or her birth weight by 10 to 14 days. Your Baby's Weight Babies lose an average of 7% of their birth weight in the first 3 days after birth. **Other Signs** Your baby should have a strong cry, move actively and wake easily. Your breasts feel softer and less full after breastfeeding.