



# The role of human milk banks

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## Statement of the standard

Standards are established for the safe use of **human donor milk when mother's own milk is not available.**



### For parents and family

- Parents are informed by healthcare professionals about the possibility of the safe provision of donor milk, when mother's own milk is not available to the child.



### For neonatal unit

- A unit guideline on infant nutrition, including the use of donor milk, is available and regularly updated.
- A relationship with an existing human milk bank is in place or considered.



### For hospital

- The use of donor milk is considered.
- Training on infant nutrition, including the use of donor milk, when mother's own milk is not available, is ensured.

## Benefits

Short-term benefits

- Reduced risk of NEC

Long-term benefits

- N/A



### For healthcare professionals

- A unit guideline on infant nutrition, including the use of donor milk, when mother's own milk is not available, is adhered to by all healthcare professionals.
- Training on infant nutrition, including the use of donor milk, when mother's own milk is not available, is attended by all responsible healthcare professionals.



### For health service

- A guideline on human milk banking is available and regularly updated.

