

Nipples stocked on the floors and decision-making: (PICU Mpls/Stp, CVCC, 6th & 7th floors Mpls, 3200 & 4th floors Stp)

The Ross disposable nipple should generally be the go to nipple of choice:

- **Ross Slow Flow** (yellow ring) CHC#24659: Typical feeding infant without any specific feeding difficulties or respiratory issues. Birth to 3 months of age.
- **Ross Standard Flow** (clear ring) CHC#2517: Typical feeding infant without any specific feeding difficulties or respiratory issues. 3 months of age and older.



Other nipples available:

- **Gerber slow flow** CHC#12968:

Appropriate for:

- * increased spillage
- * gulping
- * Poor respiratory pacing

- **Gerber size 1 slow nuk** CHC#18642

- * Poor oral seal on nipple
- * Low muscle tone, such as infant with Downs Syndrome

***Caution. Although this says “slow” flow the flow tends to be faster than the Gerber slow flow.

- **Gerber size 2 medium nuk** CHC#12152

- * same as the slow flow
- * Older, larger child, 6 months and above.



If a patient is admitted from home and does not have the bottle from home other options may be available upon family request.

- * **Playtex ventaire – slow flow** CHC#14078
- * **Playtex drop-ins.** CHC#6181

A Rehab Consult should be requested for feeding evaluation if:

- * None of the above nipples are appropriate for the patient
- * Dysfunctional Feeding
- * Increased Upper respiratory congestion with feeds
- * Oral aversion
- * Significant desats or HR drops associated with feeding
- * Extended feeding times, greater than 30 minutes.
- * Specific medical condition or anomaly affecting feeding, such as cleft lip or palate, Pierre Robin Sequence, etc.
- * Clinical signs of aspiration, such as:
 - coughing and choking with feeds
 - Wet vocal quality with feeds
 - Color changes with feeds