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