

Case Presentation: Filling in the Forms

1. Archana delivered a baby girl on October 17 at 8:30 and 45 seconds in the morning. Archana had completed 9 months and 7 days gestation.

The baby had a good cry and was breathing vigorously.

The baby weighed 2 kg 800 grams. Baby's limbs were not limp.

The ASHA put her to Archana's breast a few minutes after the delivery and she suckled well.

On the 16th day, the ASHA was summoned to the house.

The mother said the baby was cold. The ASHA took her temperature and it was 93.5° F (34.2° C). On exam the baby had chest indrawing. Yesterday, during the 15th day visit, the baby weighed 3 kg.

The ASHA diagnosed sepsis and filled the diagnosis form.

Complete the subsequent steps :

What do you do next?

Fill that form in now.

After the consent is signed, you give the treatment and examine the baby.

- The baby suckles less.
- Her cry is weak.
- Her abdomen is soft and she is not vomiting.
- The baby has no in-drawing of chest.

She has no pus in her umbilicus.

How much medicine do you give?

Fill in the sepsis treatment form.

Before you leave you explain how the parents should care for the baby at home. You will be checking these points when you return (properly covered, breastfeeding every two hours, etc.) on the Sepsis Treatment Form.

Note the last question on "when to refer the baby". These need to be ticked only if the baby has one of these and is referred.

You visit twice a day every day for 7 days. On the 5th day in the evening you give the medicine and find:

- the baby suckling good, crying good, temperature 98° F (36.7° C).
- abdomen not distended with no vomiting
- no chest indrawing
- no pus in the umbilicus or skin, and no boils or abscesses
- gentamicin was given in the left leg, the previous injection site (right leg) is fine

The baby is well covered, wearing a hat and clothes. She is held close to the mother who has been breastfeeding every 2 hours. The mother's nails are short and she says she washes her hands before touching the baby. The baby isn't getting medicine for any other problem, and is showing improvement. She has no signs requiring referral.

Fill in the Sepsis Treatment Form.