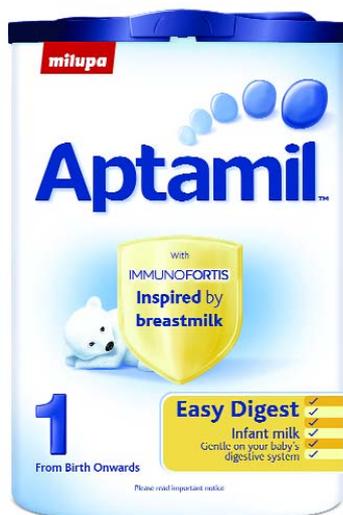


## New formulation for minor digestive problems

A new formula from Milupa Aptamil, Aptamil Easy Digest, has been shown to be effective in the management of digestive problems for infants experiencing feeding discomfort.

The latest research suggests that the modulation of gut microflora can help the prevention of common gastro-intestinal symptoms such as constipation and prolonged colicky crying, particularly in formula-fed infants<sup>1</sup>.

Savino et al showed that formula-fed infants diagnosed with infantile colic, who were treated with an infant milk formula supplemented with prebiotics – fructo- and galacto-oligosaccharides (FOS/GOS) – experienced a significant decrease in crying episodes after just seven days, and a greater reduction in episodes after 14 days, compared to a control group<sup>1</sup>. The results confirm earlier findings by



Savino et al which also showed a reduction in regurgitation and constipation among infants treated with the same prebiotic mix<sup>2</sup>.

Aptamil Easy Digest contains Immunofortis, a patented mix of prebiotics inspired by those found naturally in breastmilk. Prebiotics increase the growth of friendly bacteria such as bifidobacteria and lactobacilli and decrease the presence of pathogens in the gut flora<sup>3</sup> as well as improving stool viscosity, transit time and characteristics<sup>4</sup>, all of which may help with enteral feeding tolerance and advancement<sup>5</sup>.

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## New armaments in the battle against infection

The extended range of ChlorPrep FREPP and SEPP topical antiseptics systems, produced by Enturia Ltd, have now been licensed and are available across the UK.

The single patient use, sterile, non-touch design, combined with the gold standard antiseptic solution (2% chlorhexidine gluconate and 70% isopropyl alcohol) means these applicators remain the only products licensed for cutaneous antiseptics prior to invasive procedures, that meet the new epic2: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare Associated Infections.

Proven to significantly reduce the incidence of potentially lethal blood stream infections, including MRSA, the new ChlorPrep range brings healthcare professionals one step closer to putting a stop to many of the preventable healthcare associated infections related to central venous catheter and peripheral line insertions.

The sponge applicator helps scrub the solution into the crevices of the skin, whilst facilitating the aseptic non-touch technique employed by healthcare professionals. The choice of applicator will depend on the invasive procedure being undertaken and the clinician's preference. In addition to the original 3mL applicator, the FREPP applicator contains 1.5 mL solution and covers a maximum area of 10 x 13 cm, whereas the smaller SEPP contains 0.67 mL and is suitable for an area of 5 x 8 cm.

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## Detecting cerebral injury

The Brainz BRM 2 monitor, available from GE Healthcare, has been designed for close surveillance of brain function in the new-born infant. Suitable for continuous use in the NICU environment, it allows clinicians to monitor and record real-time neuro-logical information 24 hours a day. The BRM 2 detects changes and abnormalities in cerebral function, and assists clinicians in the direction of care on a day-to-day basis as well as highlighting the need for neuroimaging and clinical intervention.

As well as indicating overall brain status, the BRM 2 brain monitor also clearly indicates seizures, which are one of the main signs of cerebral dysfunction in neonates. The BRM 2 can therefore play an important role in the management of anticonvulsant therapy and also works in conjunction with the latest cooling therapies. The BRM 2 provides bilateral aEEG (amplitude-integrated EEG) displays to allow easy recognition of background EEG patterns, and EEG waveform displays to show the raw EEG signal from each hemisphere in real time.

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