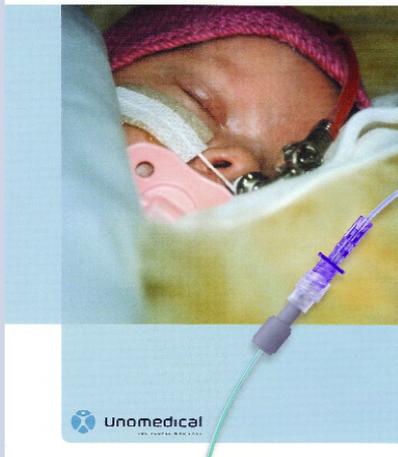


## Feeding with Confidence



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The hospital division of Unomedical manufactures a range of feeding, duodenal, stomach and rectal tubes, which are 100% phthalate free.

A leaflet produced by Unomedical entitled 'Feeding with Confidence' provides parents with information about the feeding tubes and explains why phthalates are harmful to newborns.

The leaflet give information on:

- The safe components used in tubes
- The extended durability of Unomedical tubes, which retain their softness and flexibility for longer
- The development of the feeding tubes and connecting lines with specific connectors for the tubes and lines and how this precludes the risk of enteral feeds going into IV catheters.

Product pictures are shown, along with the colour coded funnels indicating CH size which are in accord with the latest international standards. Sizes of the feeding tubes are also provided.

To obtain the brochure, or for information on the Unomedical product range, tel: 01527 587700

The RCM has launched the Register for the Examination of the Newborn. It will be used to undertake full exams of newborns, and by those who wish to keep their own records for personal audit purposes. The register allows practitioners to analyse data and collate it with others. A resource package is being developed by RCM which includes a CD and video clips, to be linked to a website with a resource library.

[www.mybookshop.net/Royal-College-of-Midwives/RCM-Bookshop/c-1-77-84/](http://www.mybookshop.net/Royal-College-of-Midwives/RCM-Bookshop/c-1-77-84/),  
[www.rcm.org.uk](http://www.rcm.org.uk).



## Improving the success of neonatal simulation training

Laerdal has launched SimNewB, the youngest, and possibly most emotionally engaging, patient simulator in its field. Offering unprecedented authenticity, the interactive neonatal simulator is designed to replicate simple and complex scenarios in the first 10 minutes of a newborn's life, optimising training opportunities within all neonatal training curricula.

The 21 inch long, 7lb SimNewB presents true-to-life medical challenges from the simplicity of a moving healthy infant to a limp, cyanotic newborn with no vital signs. Its operating system allows the trainer to easily set up, control and diversify scenarios remotely.

Accurate anatomical representation of a full-term female baby promotes intuitive student involvement and

clinical intervention.

"Simulation enhances the learning experience in terms of patient care, management and outcome," says Steven Root, Resuscitation Services Manager at the North West London Hospital NHS Trust. "Students won't have to use their imagination to believe in the scenario. It moves, cries and its lips go blue – which they won't expect. It will make training much more credible."

Compatible with Laerdal's Advanced Video System, SimNewB enables appropriately timed trainer interjection during the scenario, and repeatable audio/visual feedback for valuable reflective learning.

Call 01689 876634, email [customer.service@laerdal.co.uk](mailto:customer.service@laerdal.co.uk) or visit [www.laerdal.co.uk](http://www.laerdal.co.uk)

## Small and light transcutaneous sensor is designed especially for premature babies

Radiometer says its new generation of transcutaneous sensors are significantly smaller and lighter than other sensors for neonates on the market today.

The tinyTeddy was developed in cooperation with nurses and physicians. Small, gentle and easy to use, it sets new standards for transcutaneous monitoring.

Being so small and light, the tinyTeddy is specially designed for premature babies. It provides constant monitoring of tcpO<sub>2</sub> and tcpCO<sub>2</sub> values and fast response times, reducing the need for frequent blood sampling.

tinyTeddy's small and soft fixation ring enables gentler continuous monitoring, minimising discomfort for the neonate.

It comes with an improved two-step membranizing tool which allows users to



change membranes quickly and effortlessly, reducing the risk of error and saving time.

For more information tel: 01293 517599, email: [sales@radiometer.co.uk](mailto:sales@radiometer.co.uk), [www.radiometer.com/tc](http://www.radiometer.com/tc)

## Reducing the risk of atopic eczema in at-risk babies

Vinalac® is the first of a new class of supplements containing the probiotic *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*, designed for mums with a family history of allergy for use during pregnancy and breastfeeding, to help support their natural immune system and the long-term health of their baby.

Results from a randomised, placebo controlled study published in *The Lancet*<sup>1</sup> showed that frequency of allergic eczema was reduced by nearly a half (49%) in two-year-old children from mothers with a family history of allergy who had taken a supplement of *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*, compared to those from mothers who took

placebo. Mothers took the supplement during the last 2-4 weeks of pregnancy and during six months of breastfeeding. At four years of age, a 43% lower frequency of eczema continued to be maintained in children from the same study<sup>2</sup>.

Up to 30-40% of children are affected by allergies like eczema, food allergy, asthma and hay fever at some time in their life.

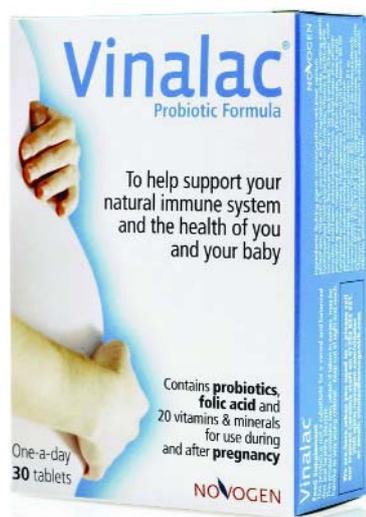
Vinalac also contains the recommended 400µg level of folic acid and a balance of other vitamins and minerals to offer suitable nutritional support throughout pregnancy. An additional multivitamin is not required.

There are more than a billion live *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* in each Vinalac tablet – a level shown to give effective support to the maternal immune system. The viability of each bacteria is protected by a patented coating so they survive the gastrointestinal tract and reach the colon where they are most beneficial. Vinalac does not need to be refrigerated.

For a free professional resource pack call the careline on: 01753 833321, email: [vinalac@novogen.co.uk](mailto:vinalac@novogen.co.uk) or visit [www.vinalac.co.uk](http://www.vinalac.co.uk).

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## Popular ventilator is improved and relaunched

The Fabian ventilator, by Acutronic of Switzerland, was launched by Inspiration Healthcare in

2005 and proved popular as a quiet, compact ventilator with quality graphics at an attractive price.

The Fabian Plus was introduced soon after, with a 2.5 hour battery capability making it ideal for transport and the NICU.

Now, Inspiration Healthcare has launched the Fabian DuoPAP which has all standard modes of ventilation and battery and can deliver nCPAP and bi-level nCPAP in conjunction with established single use products such as Infant Flow™. Using Infant Flow disposables reduces nurse training issues, while features such as leak compensation mean a reduction in nursing time. Dialling in the nCPAP level required will ensure a stable CPAP as the flow is adjusted accordingly. Bi-level CPAP can also be provided in a non-triggered mode.

Email: [info@inspiration-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:info@inspiration-healthcare.co.uk), [www.inspiration-healthcare.co.uk](http://www.inspiration-healthcare.co.uk)



## BLISS offers extra support for young parents of premature or sick babies

The Young parents' information guide from Bliss, the premature baby charity, provides young parents with practical advice on how they can best look after themselves, their babies and their partners. Having a premature or sick baby can be a very different experience to having a healthy baby and there is often extra emotional and financial strain on young parents.

Young mum Cindy, who delivered her baby Corey at 25 weeks when she was 17, says: "I didn't know much about premature babies and thought he would take a few months to grow and then come home. I had no idea of the problems he could face."

Statistics show that young mums (aged under 20 years) are more likely to have a premature baby than parents in their 20-

30s. Bliss carried out a pilot project in the London area targeted at younger parents. Their feedback led Bliss to produce the booklet, and launch Blisstext (a text messaging helpline) and a dedicated online forum for young parents.

The booklet contains information on:

- Breastfeeding, going back to education/ work, money and budgeting
- Who's who in hospital and tips on communicating with staff
- Website addresses and places to look for help
- A questions and answers page
- A jargon buster

The guide is being distributed to all UK neonatal units and is free to parents.

Tel: 01933 318503, [www.bliss.org.uk](http://www.bliss.org.uk)

