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STANDARD GUIDELINE SUBJECT:

Breast pump loaning

PURPOSE:

The purpose of breast pump loaning is to support breastfeeding women in the postpartum period with access to a hospital grade breast pump and pumping kits during a breastfeeding challenge. Priority is given to women with barriers to renting a breast pump (e.g. economic challenges, geographic isolation, Families First screen score 3+). A pump may be made available to women who fit the criteria. The goal is to assist with the initiation of breastfeeding and/or to extend the duration of breastfeeding for the mother-infant dyad. Infection control and patient safety are critical components of the use of breast pumps.

Following an assessment by the public health nurse or midwife, the use of a hospital-grade electric breast pump may be recommended as a part of the care plan. Eligible clients include but are not limited to:

- Infant with severe feeding issues
- Premature/sick infant
- Flat, inverted or severely damaged nipples
- Breast refusal/no latch
- Severe engorgement
- Mastitis/plugged duct
- Low milk supply
- Mother/infant separation due to illness
- Other circumstances deemed appropriate by the public health nurse or midwife

Further information can be found in Toronto Public Health Breastfeeding Protocol #19: Expressing and Storing Breastmilk.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Loaning of breast pumps to women in the early days of breastfeeding is considered an intervention and requires follow-up care and evaluation. The pump is not loaned without a plan for ongoing care of the client in the community.

PROCEDURE:

1. Assess the need for a breast pump and determine eligibility based on criteria. The pump is only issued during the postpartum period. A two-week period is considered the standard loan time. This is open to review at the provider's discretion.
2. Obtain pump, disposable breast pump kit and How to keep your breast pump kit clean teaching sheet (CLI.6210.SG.009.SD.01). Complete Breast Pump Loaner Agreement (CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.01), Breast Pump Loaner Tracking Form (CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.02) using client's current contact information. The agreement is completed for all women receiving a pump. It is not part of the client record and is stored in an equipment loan file.
3. Complete a Community Breastfeeding Plan (CLI.6210.SG.004.SD.02) and ensure education/teaching is completed with the client. Review assembly of pump as well as proper storage/cleaning instructions with client. The handout How to Keep your Breast Pump Kit Clean Client Teaching Sheet (CLI.6210.SG.009.SD.01) is included in the teaching. The nurse or midwife tailors client education based on the client's literacy and language.
4. Instruct the client to return the pump to a staff member at the Public Health Office or Midwifery Office. Make the client aware this is a short term loan and should they require a pump long term, provide information on where they may rent or purchase a pump.
5. Documentation of all assessments, including reason for loaning pump, interventions, and plans for ongoing follow up are recorded in the progress notes. Ongoing care related to supporting the woman with breastfeeding is documented until such time that the pump is returned.
6. Upon return of the pump, the clerk, nurse, or midwife checks the pump and completes the Breast Pump Loaner Tracking Form (CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.02).
7. The pump and case is cleaned and disinfected between each single client use as per manufacturer's instructions using an alcohol based product. If visibly soiled, clean all surfaces thoroughly with a cleaner/disinfectant wipe prior to disinfecting. To disinfect, use an alcohol based cleaner/disinfectant wipe and apply to all surfaces, ensuring surfaces remain wet for 3 minutes.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

- Hospital grade breast pump
- Disposable breast pump kit
- Cleaner/Disinfectant wipes – e.g. Caviwipes

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

[CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.01](#) Breast Pump Loaner Agreement

[CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.01.F](#) Breast Pump Loaner Agreement.French

[CLI.6210.SG.009.FORM.02](#) Breast Pump Loaner Tracking Form

[CLI.6210.SG.009.SD.01](#) How to Keep your Breast Pump Kit Clean Client Teaching Sheet
[CLI.6210.SG.004.SD.02](#) Community Breastfeeding Plan

REFERENCES:

Toronto Breastfeeding Protocols – Protocol #19 Expressing and Storing Breast Milk

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/9102-tph-breastfeeding-protocols-1-to-21-complete-manual-2013.pdf>

Regional Health Authority Central Manitoba Inc. Breast Pump Loaner Program NS-1403.000

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – How to Keep your Breast Pump Clean Fact Sheet

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/pdf/hygiene/breast-pump-fact-sheet.pdf>