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FP Module
LAM: Session II Topic 9
Handout #1



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While You Are Using LAM:



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Do not give any foods or other liquids (not even water). Breast milk is all your baby needs to grow and be healthy for the first 6 months.



Continue to breastfeed even when you or your baby is sick.

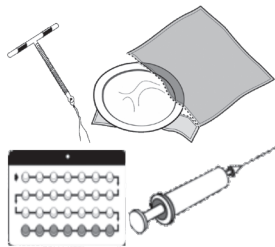
Begin thinking about a new method while still using LAM.

Be ready to switch to a new method immediately, when you no longer meet ANY of the 3 LAM criteria.

The best methods for breastfeeding women are condoms, IUD, tubal ligation, vasectomy, and some pills and injections.

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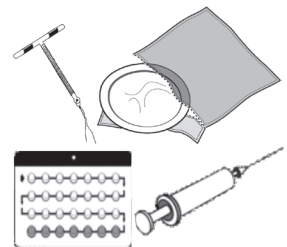
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