

## Bronchiolitis

### RFQs

- How is she managing with her feeds? (How much is she taking compared to normal? And how long does it take her to feed?)
- Does she vomit? What about diarrhoea? How many times today so far?
- Have you noticed a fever?

### Provide

Cindy has bronchiolitis. It's caused by a viral infection affecting the lungs. There is no special treatment, except in rare circumstances when the breathing becomes particularly difficult.

### Safety nets:

Almost all children with this will start to get better within 5 days. But let's see her again urgently if she goes off her feeds (less than 50% of normal) or if she is not wetting her nappies at least 3 times a day. We also need to see her urgently if she seems to be working a lot harder with her breathing. Let us see her again if she is poorly, or no better after 5 days.

The cough is likely to go on for 3 weeks or so, and there is no medicine that will help with that. But if she has a fever for more than a couple of days, or she seems more unwell, we need to see her again.