

# Benefits of the Colostrum Protector

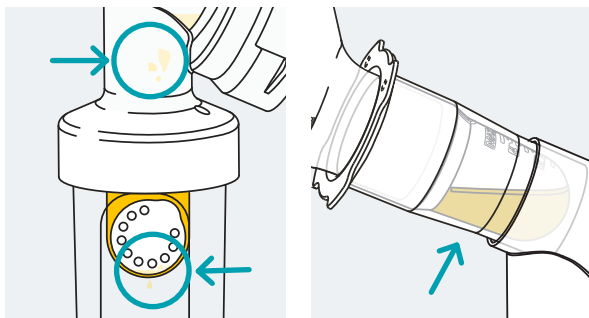
## What is colostrum?

The milk made in those first few days after birth, colostrum, is a special medicine that is intended to gradually shift the infant from swallowing amniotic fluid to drinking milk.



## Minimizes loss of colostrum

The Medela Colostrum Protector minimizes loss of colostrum by catching it prior to reaching the pump parts; ensuring baby can get every drop.



**Colostrum can get lost in pump parts.**

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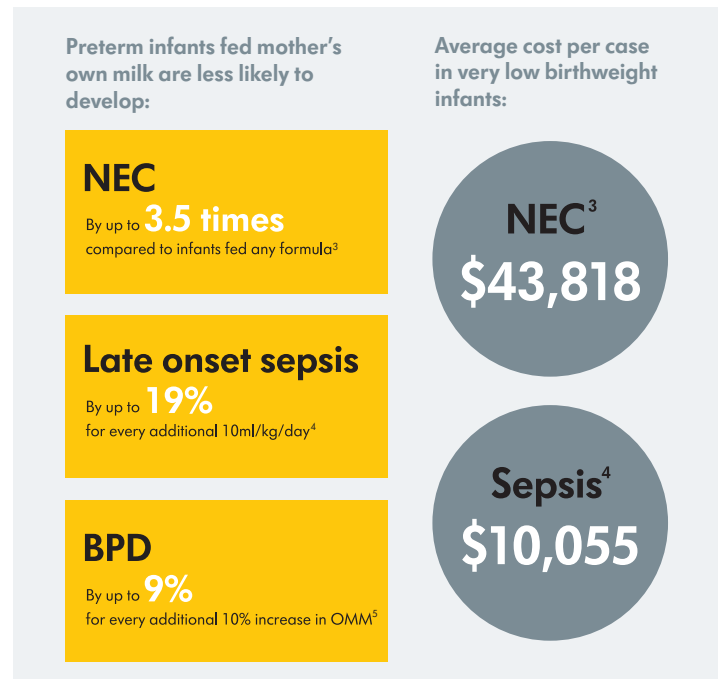
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## Economic benefits of colostrum and mother's own milk

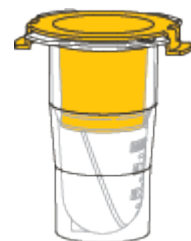
Research shows oropharyngeal colostrum (OC) can significantly reduce the occurrence of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) and necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) in very low birth weight infants (VLBW).<sup>6</sup> OC is a safe, cost-effective and easy to implement practice that has been demonstrated to reduce length of stay (LOS) and improve patient outcomes.

Additionally, feeding human milk to a preterm infant is considered therapy. It reduces morbidities including NEC and sepsis in the pre-term infant, long-term disabilities, and even death.<sup>1,2</sup>



## The snap on lid makes it easier

to transport and protects from contamination.



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