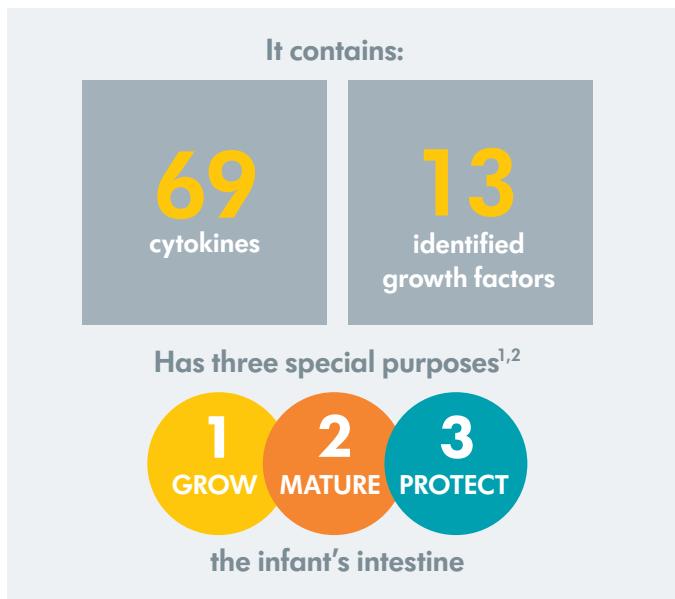


# Benefits of the Colostrum Protector

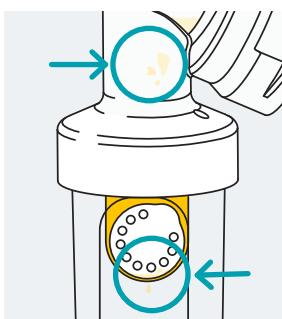
## What is colostrum?

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.

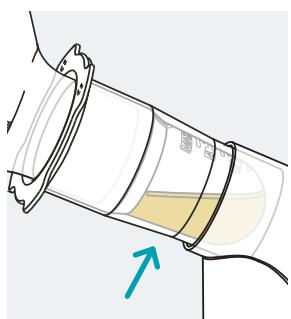


## Minimizes loss of colostrum

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.



Medela Colostrum Protector minimizes loss of colostrum.

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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>

Preterm infants fed mother's own milk are less likely to develop:

**NEC**  
By up to **3.5 times**  
compared to infants fed any formula<sup>3</sup>

**Late onset sepsis**  
By up to **19%**  
for every additional 10ml/kg/day<sup>4</sup>

**BPD**  
By up to **9%**  
for every additional 10% increase in OMM<sup>5</sup>

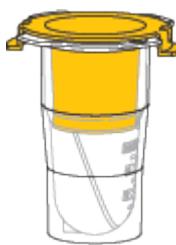
Average cost per case in very low birthweight infants:

**NEC<sup>3</sup>**  
**\$43,818**

**Sepsis<sup>4</sup>**  
**\$10,055**

## The snap on lid makes it easier

to transport and protects from contamination.



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