BY JANUARY 2008 - BREAST FEEDING

100% of mothers will have 2 formal assessments of breast-feeding documented.
Results of our change…….

- Staff education
- Meetings and Newsletter
- Revised newborn care map in August
- New care map available for staff in November
How we implemented this change……

- **Education of Staff via monthly Staff Meetings and biweekly Newsletters**

- Education covered what needed to be addressed in our formal education of mothers in regards to our breastfeeding assessments

- Staff were asked to perform formal assessment every shift and document the assessment in chart on each breastfeeding couplet

- **Staff were expected to watch 1 feeding every shift**

- Looked at how to make documentation easier - the newborn care map was revised to include documentation of formal assessment.
How we will sustain and improve this change......

- Continue to monitor this metric for QI studies and expand this process to include our NICU babies.

- We have changed our lactation program - our lactation nurses now make daily rounds on all moms who are breastfeeding and do not have a patient load M-F. They are following both Nursery and NICU mother/baby couplets.

- A log has been initiated in the NICU as to which moms are breastfeeding to more easily provide that information to our lactation nurses. The log includes when the baby is due to feed and when the mom will be in to visit/nurse her baby.

- Look at our IDDM babies (they currently are admitted to NICU for observation) and our C-section babies (they currently are admitted in the nursery post delivery).