

702 Breastfeeding Infant of Woman at Nutritional Risk

Definition/Cut-off Value

Breastfeeding infant of woman at nutritional risk.

Participant Category and Priority Level

Category	Priority
Infants	I,II, or IV*
<i>*Must be the same priority as at-risk mother.</i>	

Justification

A breastfed infant is dependent on the mother's milk as the primary source of nutrition. Lactation requires the mother to consume an additional 500 Kcal per day (approximately) as well as increased protein, calcium, and other vitamins and minerals (2, 1). Inadequate maternal nutrition may result in decreased nutrient content of the milk (1). Special attention should therefore be given to the health and nutritional status of breastfed infants whose mothers are at nutritional risk (4).

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