

ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT:

TEACHING STEPS

- [] 1. The Wallaby unit is used to help treat your baby's jaundice (yellow skin).
- [] 2. The Wallaby consists of light source, a fiber optic panel, and a soft disposable cover. The panel is inserted into the cover and then wrapped snugly around the baby and secured with the tape tabs. A nursery blanket or the child's clothing can then be wrapped around the baby to avoid fluctuations in body temperature.
- [] 3. Be sure the light source unit (with fiber optic panel) is placed on a hard, uncovered surface so that the cooling fan can draw air from under the box.
- [] 4. Lock the panel into the box unit with a one-quarter turn.
- [] 5. Plug the box unit into the wall in three-prong outlet or grounded adapter.
- [] 6. Slide cover over light source panels.
- [] 7. Roll up baby's undershirt to protect baby's underarms.
- [] 8. Wrap panel snugly around baby.
- [] 9. Secure with tape tabs.
- [] 10. Let the unit cool for 20 minutes while turned off before you attempt to move it. The bulb inside is very fragile when hot.
- [] 11. If light burns out, turn unit off. Push button marked "Push to change lamp" located on the front of the unit and turn back on.

TAKING CARE OF BABY:

- [] 1. Phototherapy only works when it is on the baby. Do not remove the panel from the baby except for bathing.
- [] 2. What you feed your baby is an important part of treating jaundice. Feed formula or breast-feed at least every 3 hours around the clock.
- [] 3. You will see some changes in your baby as the phototherapy begins to work.
 - a change in skin color from red/yellow to pink starting at the toes and working up.
 - a change in the whites of your baby's eyes from yellow to white.
 - the stool will change to green, seedy, slightly runny consistency.
 - the wet diapers may have a very yellow appearance at the same time the diapers are very wet.
- [] 4. Some changes are not good. Call your doctor immediately if your baby:
 - has yellow or projectile vomiting (not wet burps)
 - is very irritable
 - has a decrease in number of stools
 - has no change in color after two days
 - has fewer than six wet diapers a day
 - is hard to rouse
- [] 5. For equipment problems or pickup call Providence Home Services at 503-215-4663. Replacement units are delivered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- [] 6. For baby care questions/problems call your doctor.

PATIENT/PARENT SIGNATURE:

PATIENT NAME:	ID#
STAFF SIGNATURE:	PPMC <input type="checkbox"/> SVMC <input type="checkbox"/> MCH <input type="checkbox"/> DATE: