

DIARRHEA DIET INFANTS

IMPORTANT:

1. Signs of well-maintained hydration
 - a. Infant / child passes urine at least once every three hours each time in good quantity and which is not high-colored
 - b. The tongue is moist, not dry
 - c. There are tears seen if / when the baby cries
 - d. Infant / child is reasonably active
2. Signs of well-maintained nutrition
 - a. The infant/child is able to consume at least 75% of what he/she normally consumes in a day
 - b. The infant/child is able to maintain at least some degree of normal physical activity

HOMEMADE ELECTROLYTE SOLUTION (ORAL REHYDRATION SOLUTION or ORS)

Boil together:

1. One liter (1000 ml) water
2. Five teaspoons of sugar
3. Five pinches of salt

And cover it and keep for use within 24 hours. Once it is cooled keep giving frequent sips throughout the day. Consumption of 1 liter is equivalent to two bottles of IV fluids given in the hospital.

OTHER FOOD

INFANT BELOW SIX MONTHS

- Continue breastfeeds
- If on formula, consider giving a lactose-free formula
- Probiotics as advised

INFANT SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS

- Continue solid feeds
- If on formula feeds consider giving a lactose-free formula
- Reduce milk feeds and step up solid feeds
- Feed more starchy foods – rice (with/without lentils), steamed and pureed potato, steamed and pureed sweet potato, homemade sweetcorn soup.
- Oral rehydration solution (ORS) ad lib.
- Probiotics
- Other cereals like semolina / sago / arrow-root can be given.
- Apple juice
- Pomegranate juice
- Small amounts of egg, fish and chicken
- Yogurt (not flavored or sweetened)

- Avoid green leafy vegetables, oats, and prunes.
- Avoid sweet / sugary foods
- Probiotics as advised.

Rice kanji/gruel - boil 3-4 large tablespoons of rice in 200-300 ml water with a pinch of salt (and optionally some roasted cumin seeds) – blend to semiliquid consistency and feed.

Saboodana (Sago) porridge / arrow-root porridge: Soak saboodana / sago seeds in water overnight; drain away water next morning. To make one bowl of porridge, take 4 tablespoons soaked saboodana/sago seeds (or 2 tablespoons of arrow root powder) and add 1 tsp jaggery / sugar, 1-2 pinches of nutmeg powder, and 2 cups of water and cook over a low flame, stirring continuously to avoid lump formation. Once it is semi-transparent it is cooked; now cool and feed