

This Massage Can Help:

- ▶ *Promote a healthy parent-baby relationship*
- ▶ *Increase parent confidence levels*
- ▶ *Improve baby's sleeping, feeding habits, communication skills, and sensory awareness*
- ▶ *Reduce hospital stays for preemies*

Preemies



This massage intervention was originally developed for premature infants in the NICU known as ATWV.

The intervention helps NICU infants feed better and reduce hospital stays. If you have a premature infant, talk with your healthcare provider to see if your baby would benefit from this technique.

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Massage+ 30, 10, 5 is an intervention known as ATWV (Auditory, Tactile, Visual, Vestibular) among healthcare providers.

- **Auditory** - talking
- **Tactile** - stroking or massaging
- **Visual** - making eye contact
- **Vestibular** - rocking



The intervention is based on 35 years of research with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Research was conducted by Rosemary White-Traut, PhD, RN, FAAN, a member of the Pathways.org Medical Roundtable.



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An Introduction to Massage+ 30, 10, 5



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What is Massage+ 30, 10, 5?

- ▶ **30 seconds** - talk to baby
- ▶ **10 minutes** - while talking and looking at baby, massage baby's head, chest/belly, arms, legs, and back
- ▶ **5 minutes** - rock baby and continue to talk and look at baby



A simple 15-minute intervention used to improve infant development. This technique involves gently talking to, massaging, and rocking baby.

Possible Disengagement Cues:

- Crying
- Whining
- Fussing
- Spitting up
- Hiccups
- Places hand out to stop
- Frowning
- Refuses eye contact
- Struggling movements
- Sticking out tongue

How to Apply Massage+ 30, 10, 5:

By doing Massage+ 30, 10, 5, you are getting to know your baby better.

Instructions

- Allow enough time so you are not rushed
- Create a dimly lit, quiet room
- Do the massage at the same time each day
- Give baby 100% of your attention
- Talk and look at baby while massaging and rocking
- Repeat the steps of the massage that baby liked until you have completed a full 10 minutes
- Then proceed to swaddling and rocking for 5 minutes

Infant Directed Talk

Before starting the massage, for **30 seconds** talk softly, raise the pitch of your voice, and say a couple words, then wait for baby to respond, then talk again.



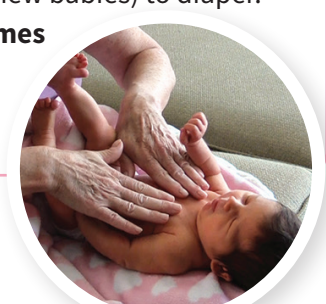
Head Massage

Gentle/moderate strokes with your entire hand from forehead to back of head to neck. **6 to 10 times**



Chest/Belly Massage

Long smooth strokes from shoulder to diaper **6 times**. Then massage straight down over chest and belly button (or around the belly button for new babies) to diaper. **6 times**



Please note: If baby shows signs of disengagement during the massage, return to massaging areas baby prefers.

Arm Massage

Gentle/moderate strokes from shoulder to wrist, hands and fingers. **6 times each arm**



Leg Massage

Gentle/moderate strokes from hip to ankle and feet. Try to cover as much of the leg as you can. **6 times each leg**



Back Massage

Two fingers to stroke straight down each side of the back alternating sides **6 times**. Finish with a circular motion over the spine. **6 times**



Rocking

Wrap/swaddle baby in a blanket and gently rock side to side. If baby doesn't like that try up and down. Full term babies often like up and down rocking. **5 minutes**



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