# **Thermoregulation**

Weigh < 1,500 g. Without the use of incubators, the likelihood of death was close to 100%, especially if the rectal temperature dropped to < 32°C.



Homeotherms

Energy & O<sub>2</sub>



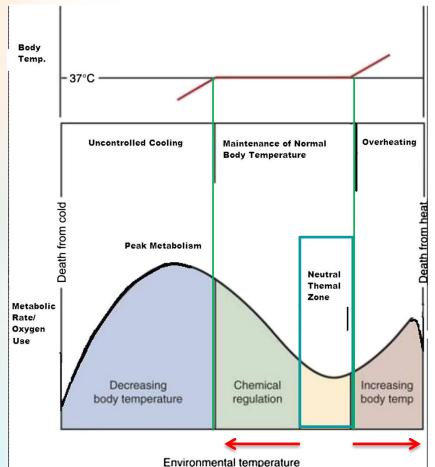


Poikilotherms

#### **Neutral Thermal Environment**

- Conditions under which oxygen consumption is minimal even as body temperature is maintained in the normal range
- Range of temperature over which metabolic demands are minimal.

# Neutral thermal environment: effects of heat and cooling on metabolic rate and body temperature.



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TABLE 6-1 NEUTRAL THERMAL ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURES						
AGE AND WEIGHT	STARTING TEMPERATURE (°C)	RANGE OF TEMPERATURE (°C)	AGE AND WEIGHT	STARTING Temperature (°C)	RANGE OF TEMPERATURE (°C)	
0.6 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g 0ver 2500 g (and >36 wk) >6-12 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 a	35.0 34.1 33.4 33.9 35.0 34.0 33.1	34.0-35.4 33.9-34.4 32.8-33.8 32.0-33.8 34.0-35.4 33.5-34.4 37.2-33.8	>72-96 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and >36 wk) >4-12 days Under 1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and	34.0 33.5 32.2 31.3 33.5 32.1	34.0-35.0 33.0-34.0 31.1-33.2 29.8-32.8 33.0-34.0 31.0-33.2	
Over 2500 g (and >36 wk) >12-24 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and >36 wk)	34.0 33.8 32.8 32.8 32.4	34.0-35.4 33.3-34.3 31.8-33.8 31.0-33.7	>36 wk) 4-5 days 5-6 days 6-8 days 8-10 days 10-12 days >12-14 days Under 1500 g	31.0 30.9 30.6 30.3 30.1	29.5-32.6 29.4-32.3 29.0-32.2 29.0-31.8 29.0-31.4 32.6-34.0 31.0-33.2	
>24-36 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and >36 wk) >36-48 hr	34.0 33.6 32.6 32.1	34.0-35.0 33.1-34.2 31.6-33.6 30.7-33.5	1501-2500g >2-3 wk Under 1500 g 1501-2500g >3-4 wk Under 1500 g 1501-2500 g	32.1 33.1 31.7 32.6 31.4	32.2-34.0 30.5-33.0 31.6-33.6 30.0-32.7	
Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and >36 wk)	34.0 33.5 32.5 31.9	34.0-35.0 33.0-34.1 31.4-33.5 30.5-33.3	>4-5 wk Under 1500 g 1501-2500 g >5-6 wk Under 1500 a	32.0 30.9	31.2-33.0 29.5-32.2 30.6-32.3	
>48-72 hr Under 1200 g 1200-1500 g 1501-2500 g Over 2500 g (and >36 wk)	34.0 33.5 32.3 31.7	34.0-35.0 33.0-34.0 31.2-33.4 30.1-33.2	under 1500 g 1501-2500 g	31.4 30.4	30.6-32.3 29.0-31.8	

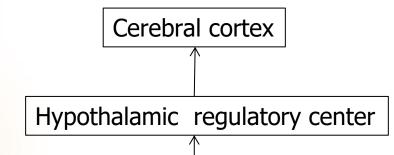
## **Body Temperature**

Heat loss



#### Heat production

- Mechanisms of heat production
- By product of normal metabolism



#### Newborn Nonshivering thermogenesis

Brown adipose tissue

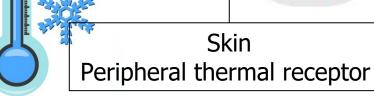


#### Adult

Increase sympathetic activity

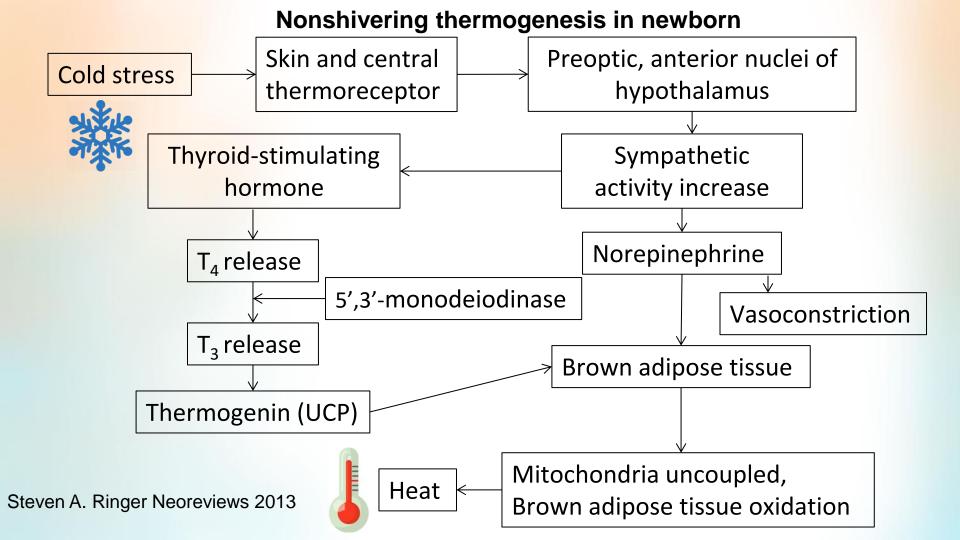
- Peripheral vasoconstriction
- Diminished sweating
- Shivering

This process can increase heat production



### **Brown adipose tissue**

- Specific heat-generating function
- Found in characteristic areas of the baby, such as interscapular, axillary, perirenal, and thoracic regions and between neck muscles
- Prominent in the fetus and newborn
- Increasing amounts found as gestation approaches term
- Metabolized, heat is produced that directly warms the blood and organs



#### **Heat loss**

#### Newborn

- Greater risks of heat loss
- Higher skin surface area to weight ratio
- Thinness of skin
- Diminished amount of subcutaneous fat

## **Preterm Infant Susceptibility to Hypothermia**

- 1. Large head and greater ratio of skin surface to body weight
- 2. Less subcutaneous fat and thinner skin with more transepidermal water losses
- 3. Decreased ability to maintain flexed posture
- 4. Less amount of brown fat and glycogen stores
- 5. Low levels of thermogenin and 5'3' monodeiodinase
- 6. Lower surge of thyrotropin
- 7. Greater likelihood of hypoxemia in preterm infants, which can impair brown fat metabolism

# **Estimated Body Surface Area and Body Surface Area to Mass Ratio at Different Body Weights**

Body Mass (kg)	BSA (m <sup>2</sup> )	BSA/Mass (m²/k g)
0.5	0.065	0.13
1	0.1	0.1
3.5	0.2	0.06
70	1.73	0.025

#### Response to warm environment

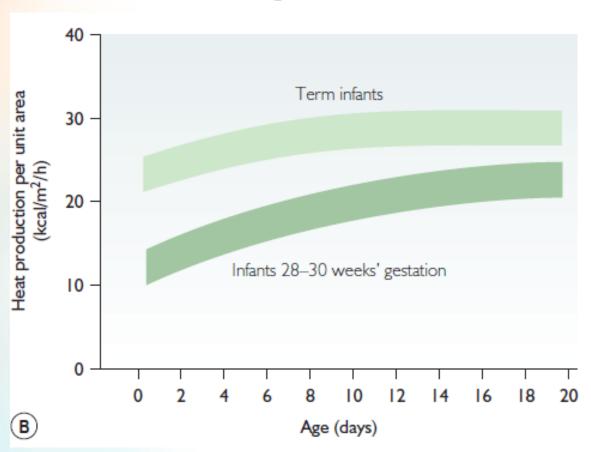
#### Physiologic

- Sweating: absent in babies born at < 36 weeks'</li>
   gestation but usually appears by about 2 weeks of age
- Babies of opiate-abusing mothers have a well developed ability to sweat at any gestational age.

#### Behavioral

 less active, sleep more and lie in an extended, sunbathing posture

# **Heat production**



## Factors affecting a newborn infant's heat production

#### **HEAT PRODUCTION IS INCREASED**

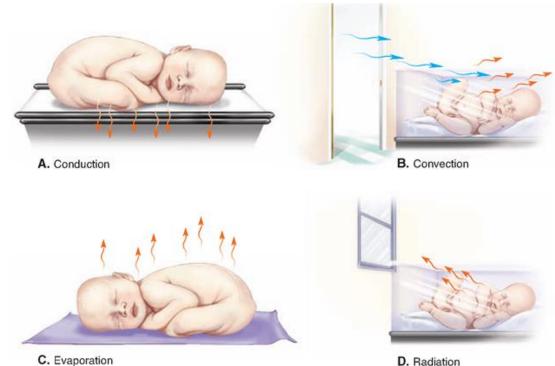
- Awake
- Active
- Postfeeding
- Rapid growth
- Neonatal thyrotoxicosis
- Left-to-right shunt
- Drugs (e.g. theophylline)

#### **HEAT PRODUCTION IS DECREASED**

- Deep sleep
- Ill (e.g. asphyxia/hypoxia)
- Starvation
- Malnutrition
- Hypothyroidism
- Cyanotic cong heart disease
- Drugs (e.g. Caffeine)

#### **Mechanism of heat loss**

- Evaporation
- Conduction
- Radiation
- Convection

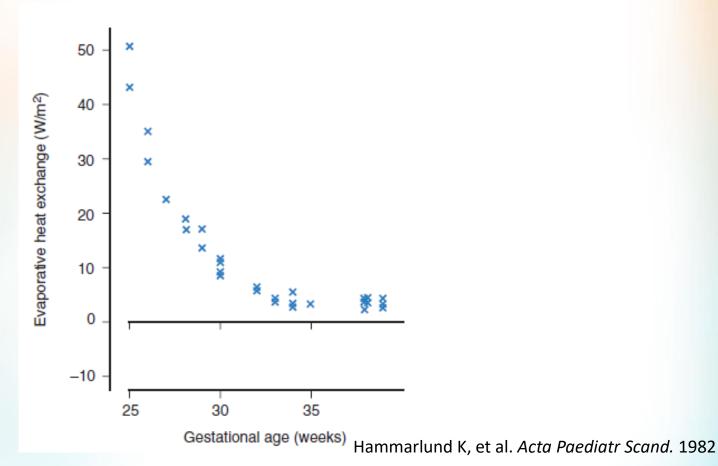


#### **Evaporative**

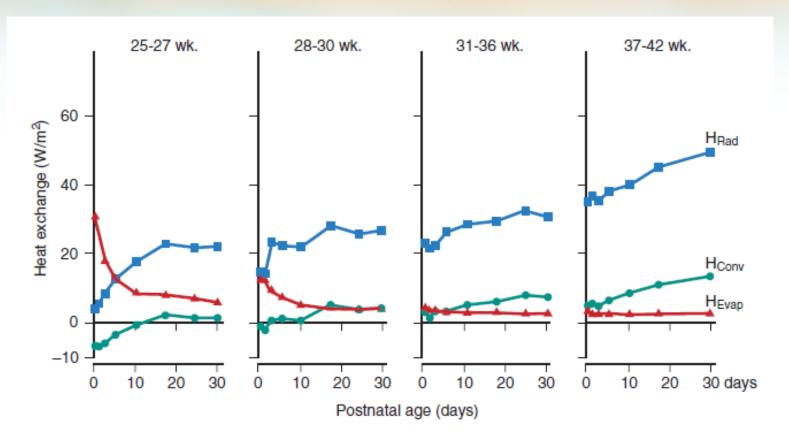
- Water that evaporates from skin surface of infant
- Most common at the time of birth
- Baths represent a period of increased risk
- Low humidity environment
- Higher in premature



Heat exchange through evaporation in relation to gestational age. Measurements from the first day of life during incubator care at an ambient humidity of 50%.

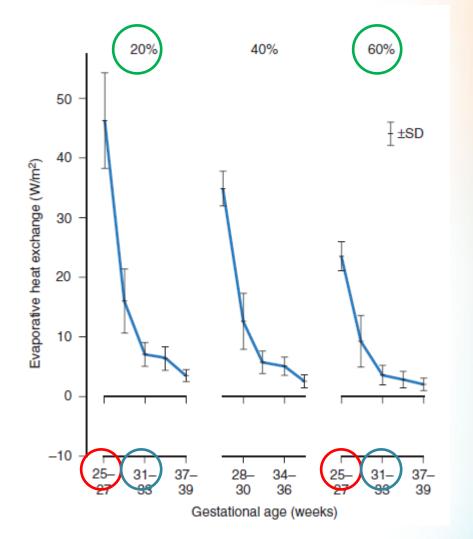


#### Heat exchange in relation to postnatal age in different gestational age groups



Hammarlund K, et al. *Biol Neonate*. 1986

Heat exchange through evaporation in relation to gestational age at different ambient relative humidity



# **Evaporative Heat Loss in preterm infant**

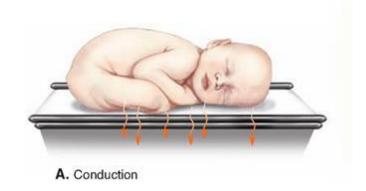
- Immature epidermal barrier with absence of a competent stratum corneum
- Less subcutaneous fat
- Increased surface area—to—body weight ratio
- Poor vasomotor control

# **Prevention Strategies**

- Keep the infant and clothing dry
- Dry the infant immediately after delivery
- Place preterm or small-for—gestational age infant in occlusive wrap/bag at delivery
- Delay bath until temperature is stable
- Place infant in an environment with 60% humidity

#### Conductive

- Direct contact between infant and surrounding environment and objects
- Rate of loss is proportional to the temperature differential between the infant and the object



# **Prevention Strategies**

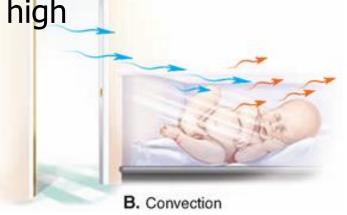
- Place a warm diaper or blanket between the infant and cold surfaces
- Place infant on prewarmed table at time of delivery
- Warm all objects that are in contact with the infant
- Hold infant skin to skin
- Use exothermic mattress



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#### Convective

- Gradient between the temperature of skin of infant and movement of ambient air
- Infant moves through cold air after delivery, from the mother to a resuscitation table
- Heat loss is similar in term and preterm
- Heat loss increase when air velocity is high



### **Prevention strategies**

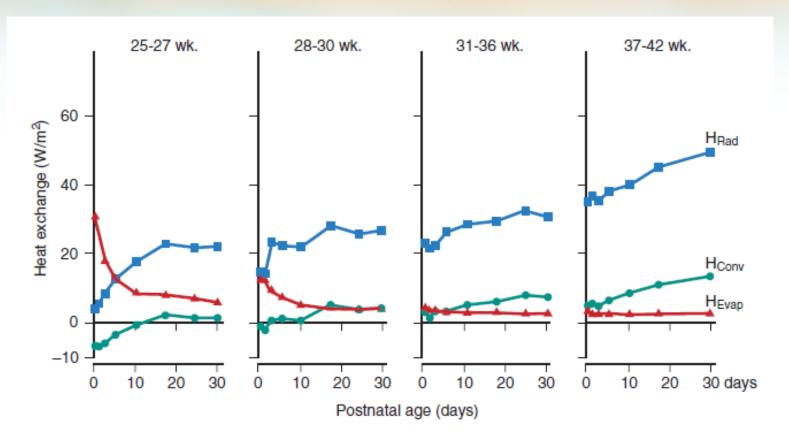
- Minimised by swaddling, using hats, warming oxygen and minimising draughts
- Place preterm infant in incubator
- Keep portholes of the incubator closed
- Warm all inspired air

#### Radiation

- Gradient between skin of infant and surrounding surfaces not touching infant
- Infant is near a cold window

 Major route in preterm infants > 28 weeks' gestation and term infant

#### Heat exchange in relation to postnatal age in different gestational age groups



Hammarlund K, et al. *Biol Neonate*. 1986

## **Prevention strategies**

- Avoid placement of incubators or bassinets near cold windows or air conditioners
- Place a hat on the infant's head
- Place extremely preterm infant in bag or surround with plastic wrap
- Increase environmental temperature
- Use double-walled incubators

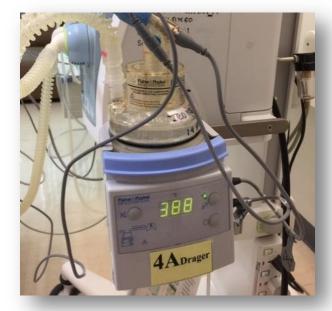
### Respiratory loss of heat

- Combined processes of evaporation and convection
- Heat loss related to
  - Air temperature
  - Humidity
  - Rate of breathing

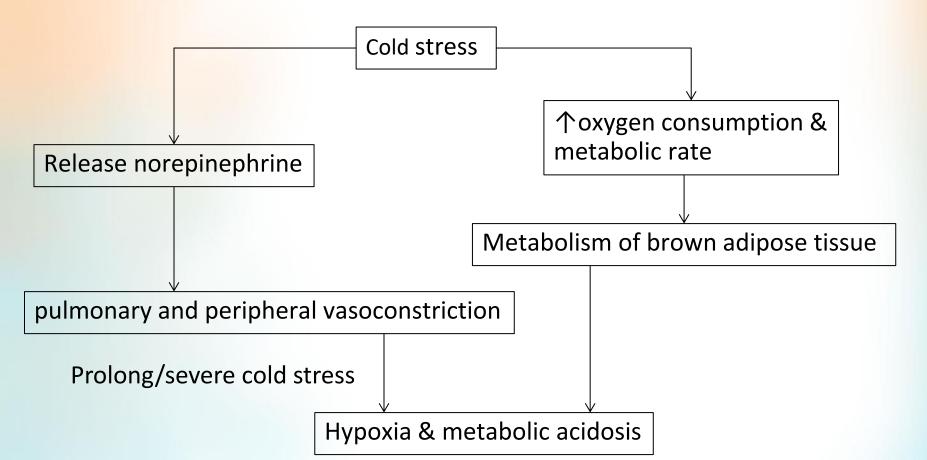
## **Respiratory loss of heat**

 Use of warmed and humidified (saturated at ≥37.0° C) gas will reduce respiratory loss of water

and heat to a minimum



#### **Effect of hypothermia**



## Clinical of hypothermia

- Lethargic with limited movement
- Feed poorly
- Cold when touched
- Bright red skin
- Respiratory rate and the heart rate slow
- Hypoglycemia
- Metabolic acidosis
- Hypoxemia

# **Clinical of hypothermia**

#### In severe case

- Peripheral and facial edema
- Sclerema or subcutaneous fat necrosis
- Organ dysfunction including
  - Acute renal failure
  - Coagulopathy
  - Persistent pulmonary hypertension
  - Intraventricular hemorrhage

## Measurement of temperature

## **Body temperature**

#### **WHO**

- Normal range : 36.5-37.5 °C
- Mild hypothermia: 36-36.5 °C
- Moderate hypothermia: 32-36 °C
- Severe hypothermia : < 32 °C</li>

AAP: normal temperature 36.5-37.4 °C

NICE guideline defines normal newborn axillary temperature as 'around 37°C

## **Measurement of temperature**

- Rectal
- Axilla
  - Should be used, except during therapeutic hypothermia
  - Generally lower than rectal temperature by about 0.5°C
- AAP guidelines recommend adopting a similar normal range, 36.5–37.4°C

#### **Rectal measurement**

At birth or admission to ward

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul> <li>Gold standard</li> <li>Closely approx. core temp</li> <li>Not affected by ambient temp</li> <li>Not limited by age</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Time consuming</li><li>Risk of perforation</li><li>Lag in core temperature change</li></ul>

#### **Axilla measurement**

Should be used, except during therapeutic hypothermia

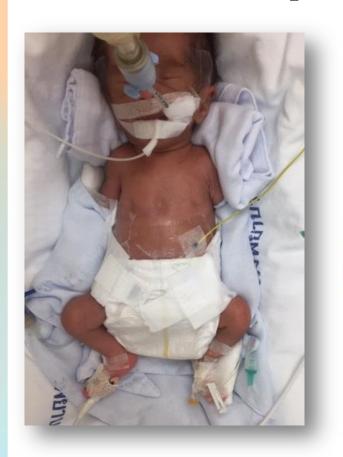
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul> <li>Safe</li> <li>Easily accessible</li> <li>Comfortable</li> <li>As accurate as rectal temperature</li> <li>Minimal cross infection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Take longer to achieved depending on thermometer used</li> <li>Sweat can cause temperature lower than core temperature</li> </ul>

 AAP guidelines recommend adopting a similar normal range, 36.5–37.4°C

### **Skin measurement**

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul><li>Comfortable</li><li>Steady and continuous</li><li>Automatic response to temperature changes</li></ul>	<ul><li>Fragile skin</li><li>Error if probe is loss</li></ul>

## **Temperature probe**





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Position fo	Position for measure		Placement time (min)	
Rectal	Preterm	2.5 cm	3	
	Term	3 cm	3	
Axilla	Preterm	กลางรักแร้จับ	5	
	Term	แขนแนบชิดลำตัว	8	

# Maintenance of Thermal Stability in the Delivery Room

## **Delivery room**

- WHO recommendations that the delivery site should be warmed to 25°C
- Dry with warm blankets
- Placed in
  - Preheated radiant warmer
  - Incubator
  - mother's chest and cover with a light blanket.



#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Hypothermia in very low birth weight infants: distribution, risk factors and outcomes

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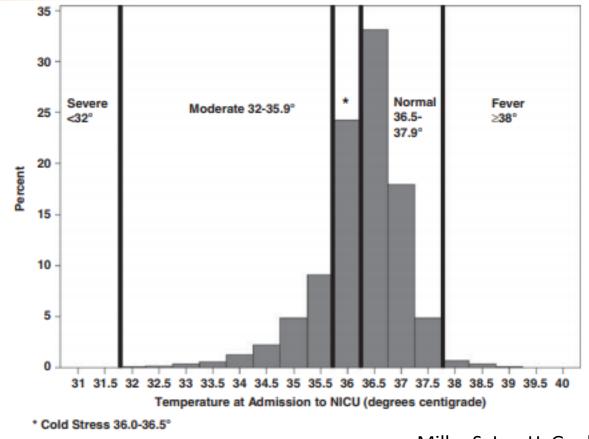
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## Admission temperatures from the delivery room for 8782 very low birth weight infants born in California neonatal intensive care units



Miller S, Lee H, Gould J, J Perinatol. 2011.

**Table A1** Admission temperature for infants <32 weeks gestational age with birth weight <1500 g by gestational age

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Gestational	N	Mean BW	Mean temp	Range	Birth weight (g)	N	Mean GA (s.d.)	Mean temp (s.d.)	Range
age (weeks)		(s.d.)	(s.d.)		400-499	87	24.7 (1.7)	35.4 (1.3)	32.0-39.1
23	263	606 (90)	35.3 (1.3)	31.0 - 38.4	500-599	343	24.5 (1.6)	35.6 (1.1)	31.7-38.3
24	572	672 (103	35.8 (1.2)	26.1-39.0	600-699	622	25.0 (1.8)	35.8 (1.1)	30.5-39.0
25	732	762 (128)	36.1 (0.9)	32.8-39.5	700-799	793	25.7 (1.8)	36.1 (1.0)	26.1-39.5
26	820	876 (160)	36.3 (0.8)	32.2-39.2	800-899	800	26.6 (1.8)	36.3 (0.7)	33.1-38.5
27	993	978 (180)	36.3 (0.7)	32.3-39.1	900-999	792	27.4 (1.8)	36.2 (0.7)	32.9-39.0
28	1120	1097 (204)	36.4 (0.8)	27.0-39.2	1000-1099	905	28.2 (1.9)	36.4 (0.8)	26.7-39.2
29	1311	1195 (198)	36.4 (0.7)	26.1-38.6	1100-1199	973	29.1 (1.9)	36.4 (0.7)	33.2-38.6
30	1022	1245 (185)	36.4 (0.7)	33.4-39.1	1200-1299	1076	29.8 (1.9)	36.4 (0.7)	27.0 - 39.1
31	413	1295 (169)	36.3 (0.6)	33.0-37.9	1300-1399	1159	30.4 (1.9)	36.4 (0.6)	33.5-38.4
32	235	1310 (149)	36.3 (0.6)	34.8-38.0	1400-1499	1232	31.1 (1.9)	36.4 (0.7)	26.1 - 39.6

Abbreviation: BW, birth weight.

Abbreviation: GA, gestational age.

birth weight < 1500 g by birth weight

Table A2 Admission temperature for infants <32 weeks gestational age with

#### Risk factor for WHO criteria of mod/severe hypothermia, cold stress

	Mod/severe (95% CI)	Cold stress (95% CI)
Delivery mode (cesarean vs vaginal)	1.2 (1.0-1.4)	1.3(1.1-1.5)
Spontaneous labor	0.8 (0.7-0.9)	0.9 (0.8-1) ↓
Prolonged rupture of membrane	0.7 (0.6-0.9)	0.8 (0.7-0.9) ↓
Antenatal steroid	0.7 (0.6-0.8)	0.9 (0.8-1.0) ↓
Maternal hypertension	1.1 (1.0-1.1)	NS
1 min Apgar score (0-6 vs 7-10)	1.1 (1.0-1.3)	1.1 (1.0-1.3)
5 min Apgar score (0-6 vs 7-10)	1.5 (1.3-1.7)	NS
Resuscitation (none vs any in delivery room)	NS	0.8 (0.7-0.9)

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#### Neonatal outcome evaluated according to WHO criteria for hypothermia

	Normal (%) (N = 2233)	Cold stress (%) (N= 2639)	Mod/severe(%) (N= 3740)	P-value
Stage 3 0r 4 ROP	6.5	6.5	11.2	<0.0001
NEC	7.3	7.2	8.8	0.11
Sepsis (early)	2.4	2.0	2.3	0.11
Sepsis (late)	11.4	10.9	15	<0.0002
0xygen at 36 wks	8.4	6.5	7.0	<0.0001
IVH	6.8	7.0	13.0	<0.0001
Death	6.7	8.5	17	<0.0001
Death + IVH 3-4	11.1	12.3	22.8	<0.0001

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#### **Prevention**

## TransWarmer exothermic mattress



**Polyethylene wrap** 



**Woolen cap** 



## Polyethylene wrap



- **↓**Conduction
- **↓** Convection
- ↓ Evaporation
- ↓ Heat loss esp. preterm
- ↓ Hypothermia 1-2 h after NICU admission

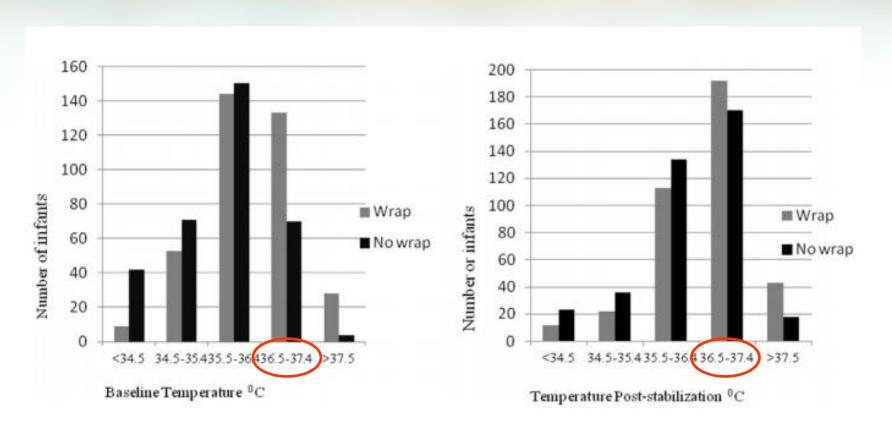
## HEAT LOSS PREVENTION (HELP) IN THE DELIVERY ROOM: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF POLYETHYLENE OCCLUSIVE SKIN WRAPPING IN VERY PRETERM INFANTS

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Table II. Outcomes					
	Wrap group (n = 27)	Control group (n = 26)	P value		
Primary outcome, rectal temperature (°C)					
At NICU admission, mean ± SD	36.5 ± 0.8	35.6 ± 1.3	0.002		
One hour after NICU admission, mean ± SD	36.6 ± 0.7	36.4 ± 0.9	0.4		
Secondary outcomes					
Death, n (%)*	7 (25.0)	8 (29.6)	8.0		
APGAR score at 1 min					
Median	6	6	0.6		
Interquartile range	2 – 6	3-6			
APGAR score at 5 min					
Median	7	7	0.9		
Interquartile range	6 – 8	7-8			
Blood gas pH, mean ± SD	7.32 ± 0.12	7.36 ± 0.12	0.3		
Bicarbonate (mmol/L), mean ± SD	20.5 ± 4.0	19.5 ± 2.8	0.3		
Glucose (mmol/L), mean ± SD	2.5 ± 1.1	2.8 ± 1.8	0.5		

<sup>\*</sup>Death rate was calculated on the basis of 28 infants in the wrap group and 27 infants in the control group.

#### **Randomized Trial of Occlusive Wrap for Heat Loss Prevention in Preterm Infants**



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## Woolen cap



#### Brain:

- High oxygen consumption
- 12% of body weight
- 20% of total body surface are
- High vascularity

Increase heat loss

#### **Current NCPR 2015 recommendation**

- Increase the temperature in the room
- Preheat the radiant warmer well before the time of birth
- Place a hat on the baby's head
- For babies born at < 32 weeks' gestation</li>

Thermal mattress placed under a blanket on the radiant warmer





Polyethylene plastic bag Drying the baby is not necessary

#### Transport from the Delivery Room to the NICU

- Radiant warmer or incubator should be used for transport.
- Transport incubator





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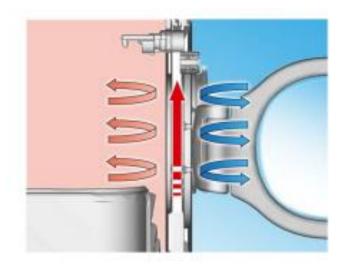


- Environment temperature
  - In incubator : 25-26 <sup>0</sup>C
  - In crib : 27-28 <sup>0</sup>C
- All windows and doors should be close

#### **Incubator** care

- Get the newborn into the closed incubator as quickly as is feasible
- Double wall incubator





#### Mode of incubator

- Skin Servo control
  - Heater output is controlled by the newborn infant's skin temperature
- Air servo control
  - Air temperature is set to a desired level and maintained by thermostat

### Skin servo control

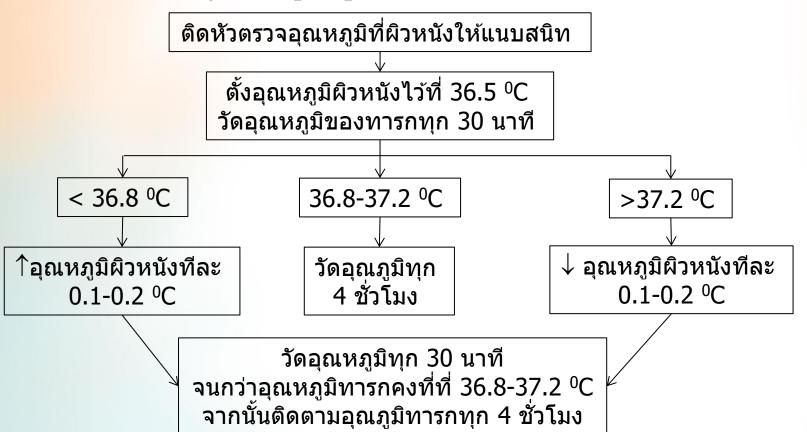
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## <mark>วิธีตั้งอุณหภูมิตู้แบบ skin servo control</mark>

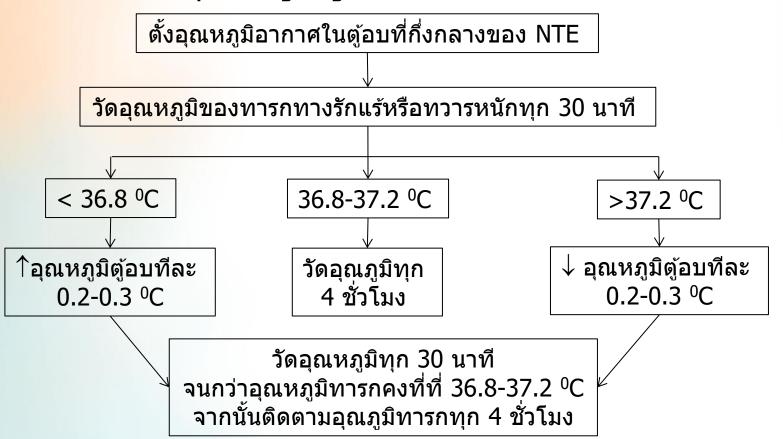


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## Suggested abdominal skin temperature settings for infants nursed under radiant warmers or in servo mode incubators

Birthweight (kg)	Abdominal skin temperature (°C)
<1.0	36.9
1.0-1.5	36.7
1.5-2.0	36.5
2.0-2.5	36.3
>2.5	36

## <mark>วิธีตั้งอุณหภูมิตู้แบบ air servo control</mark>

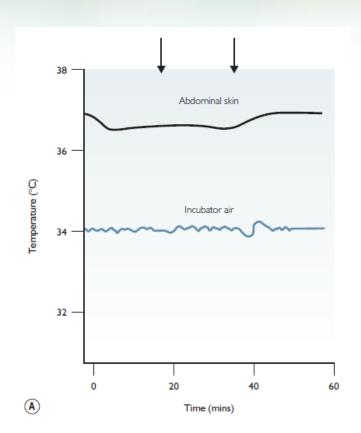


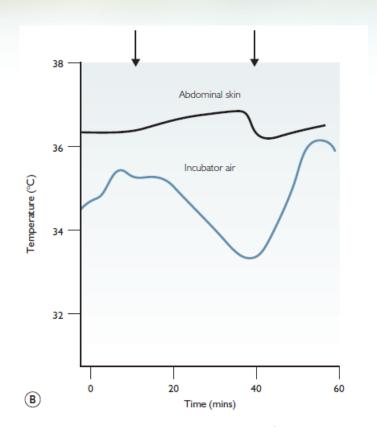
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#### **Monitor**

- อุณหภูมิแกนกลางของทารก
- อุณหภูมิอากาศในตู้อบ
- อุณหภูมิที่ตั้งไว้
- อุณหภูมิห้อง

## Fluctuations in incubator air temperature when used (A) in air mode and (B) in servo mode.





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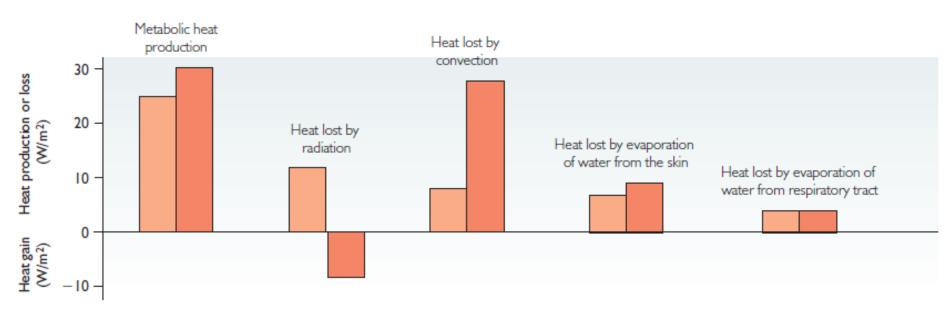
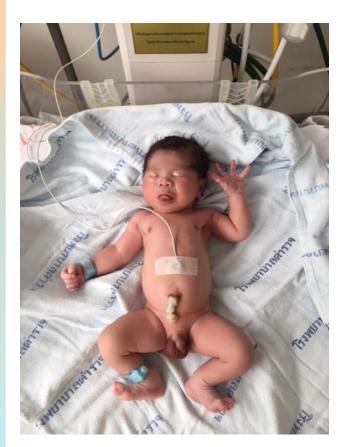


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#### **Incubator**

- Skin servo control is preferable to air temperature control esp. in LBW infant
- Cochrane review reported that skin servo control mode reduces neonatal death compared with air temperature control at 89.2°F (31.8°C)

#### Temperature probe placement



- Place on the infant's upper abdomen, usually midway between xiphoid process and umbilicus.
- Avoid areas of brown fat such as the interscapular region, the axilla, or neck

#### Care under radiant warmer

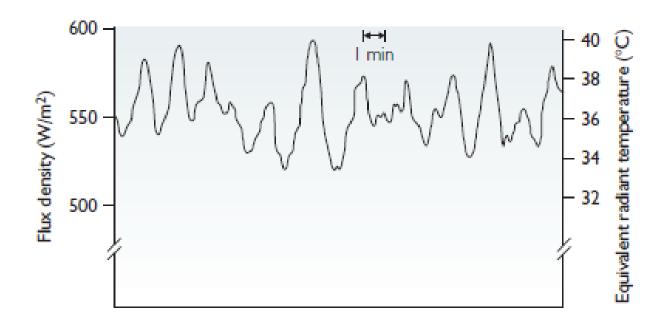
- Prevent radiation heat loss
- Allow large evaporative and convective heat losses





#### Care under radiant warmer

 The baby is exposed to cool, dry, draughty air and a markedly fluctuating radiant heat source



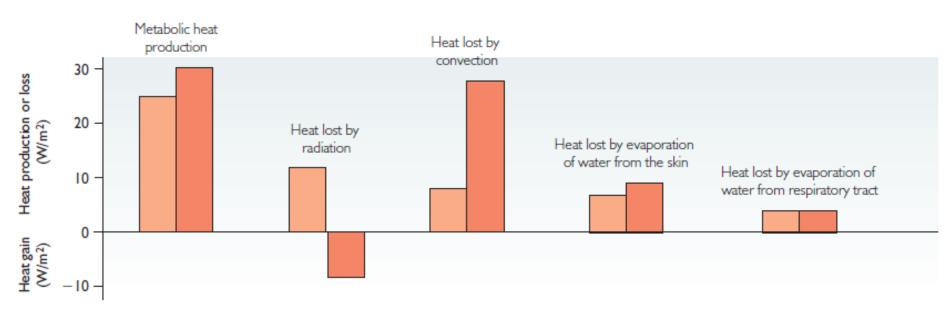


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#### Care under radiant warmer

- Fluctuating, asymmetrical thermal environment compared with the constant temperature provided by an incubator
- Higher resting levels of oxygen consumption
- Advantage
  - keeping a newborn infant warm particular in the first
     hours after delivery, when considerable handling an d practical procedures are necessary

# วิธีตั้งอุณภูมิของ radiant warmer



 Manual control : ผู้ดูแลปรับตั้งค่า heat power เอง ซึ่งเป็นขีดสเกล หรือบอกเป็น เปอร์เซ็นต์



- Skin servo control : ตั้งอุณหภูมิผิวหนัง ทารกเหมือนการใช้ incubator
- วัดอุณหภูมิทารกทุก 30 นาที หากคงที่ แล้วจึงติดตามตามปกติทุก 4 ชั่วโมง

# Multifunction incubator (hybrid incubator-radiant warmer)



Incubator mode



Warmer mode

## ข้อควรระวังในการใช้หัวตรวจอุณหภูมิผิวหนัง (skin probe)

- ติดหัวตรวจด้านที่เป็นโลหะให้แนบสนิทกับทารก
- หากติดหัวตรวจไม่แน่น อุณหภูมิที่วัดได้จะต่ำกว่าอุณหภูมิจริง ของผิวหนัง เครื่องเพิ่มความร้อนมากขึ้น ทารกมีอุณหภูมิกายสูง ผิดปกติ
- ทารกเกิดก่อนกำหนด ควรติดแผ่น semipermeable membrane (Tegaderm) บนผิวก่อนติด skin probe เพื่อเป็น การป้องกันผิวหนังหลุดลอกเวลาดึงแถบกาวออก



#### ข้อควรระวังในการใช้หัวตรวจอุณหภูมิผิว<mark>หนัง</mark> (skin probe)

• ทารกนอนหงาย ติดหัวตรวจอุณหภูมิที่บริเวณหน้าท้อง



• ทารกนอนคว่ำ ติดหัวตรวจอุณหภูมิที่บริเวณแผ่นหลังใต้สะบัก

## ข้อควรระวังในการใช้หัวตรวจอุณหภูมิผิวหนัง (skin probe)

- หลีกเลี่ยงการติดที่ปุ่มกระดูก หรือบริเวณที่ถูกผ้าอ้อมคลุมทับ
- ปิดทับหัวตรวจด้วยแผ่นสะท้อนความร้อนในกรณีที่ทารกนอนอยู่ ใต้เครื่องให้ความอบอุ่น

#### Skin-to-skin care

- Enables conductive heat gain through the skinto-skin contact
- ↑ Mother –infant bonding
- ↑ Breastfeeding rate

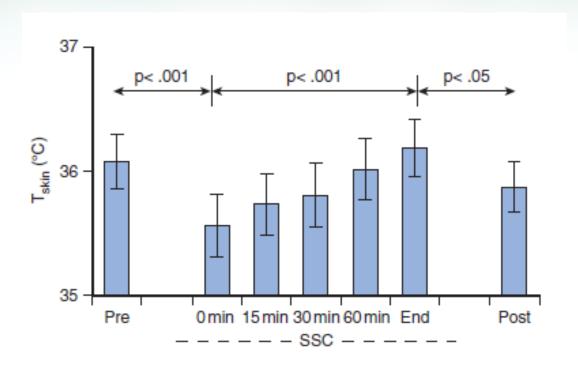
#### Skin-to-skin care





Cochrane demonstrated a statistically significant reduction in the risk of mortality, sepsis, and hypothermia with the use of skin-to-skin contact

# Skin temperatures (Tskin) in a group of extremely (GA 22-26 wk) preterm infants during early (1st week) skin-to-skin care(SSC).



# **Suggested Modes of Care in Infants of Different Gestational and Postnatal Ages**

Infant Group	At Birth	Week I	Weeks 2 to 4
<28 weeks	Radiant warmer Plastic bag Hot/humid gas	Incubator with ≥70% RH Radiant warmer with plastic wrap SSC (end of first week)	Incubator with 50% RH Radiant warmer SSC
28-31 weeks	Radiant warmer	Radiant warmer Incubator SSC	Radiant warmer SSC Heated mattress
32-35 weeks	SSC Radiant warmer	SSC Heated mattress	SSC Cot
>36 weeks	SSC Radiant warmer	SSC Cot	

RH, Relative humidity; SSC, skin-to-skin care.

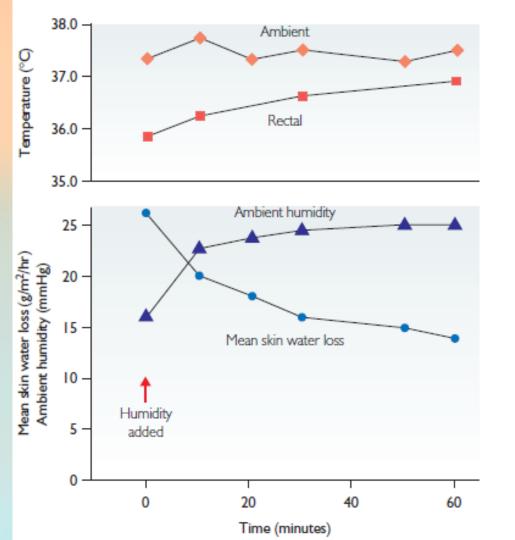
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## **Humidity**

- Humidification is an effective way of reducing evaporative heat loss
- Recommended for babies below 30 weeks' gestation in the first week of life







The effect of humidifying an incubator

## **Humidity**

 Use of humidity > 70% during first week of age followed by 50-60% in the subsequent weeks can reduce insensible water loss and minimize weight loss.

## <mark>การป้องกันอุณหภูมิกายต่</mark>าขณะทำหัตถการ

- UAC, UVC, PICC, LP
- ย้ายทารกออกจากตู้อบเพื่อทำหัตถการภายใต้เครื่องให้ความ อบอุ่นแบบแผ่รังสี
- ในกรณีทำหัตถการไม่นาน เช่น การใส่ท่อหลอดลมคอ สามารถ ทำในตู้อบได้ แต่ให้ตั้งค่าเป็น air servo control เพื่อควบคุม ให้อุณหภูมิในตู้อบคงที่
- เมื่อเลื่อนเบาะในตู้ออกเพื่อทำหัตถการ ให้นำเครื่องให้ความ อบอุ่นแบบแผ่รังสีแบบเคลื่อนที่ (mobile radiant warmer) มา ให้ความอบอุ่นแทน

#### A Randomized Controlled Trial of Plastic Drape for Prevention of Hypothermia during Umbilical Catheterization

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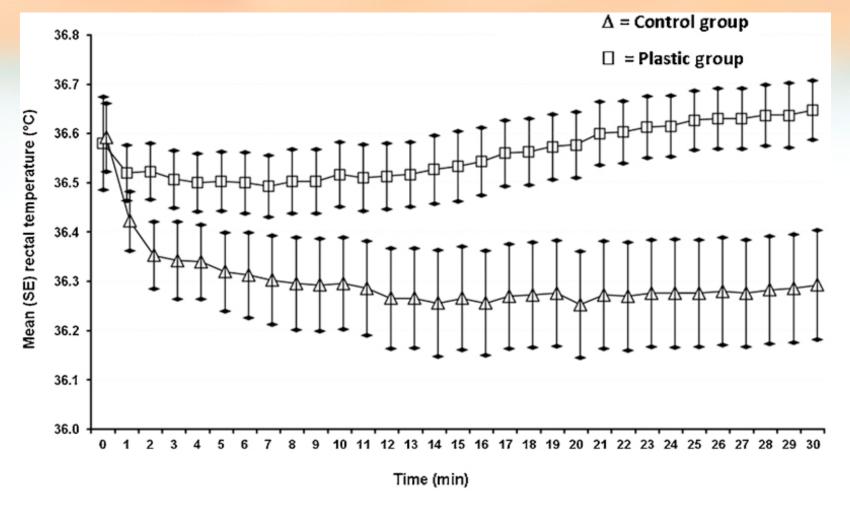
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#### Recommendation or newborns < 32 weeks' gestation

- Maintain delivery room temperature >73.4°F (23°C)
- Prepare equipment in anticipation of delivery: Radiant warmer, plastic wrap, caps, warm blankets, thermostable gel mattress
- After birth, place preterm infant in a plastic bag/wrap without drying, and place a cap on the infant's head; term infants can be dried and placed skin to skin.

#### Recommendation or newborns < 32 weeks' gestation

- Apply temperature probe to the skin and select servo control with target temperature at 98.6°F (37°C)
- Use warm blankets during transportation
- Use warm humidified air and warm boluses for resuscitation
- Closely monitor temperature until admission to NICU
- Postpone bath

## **Interventions for Neonatal Hypothermia**

Preterm infant develops hypothermia after a bath

- Drying the infant well, especially the head and neck areas
- Cover the infant's head with a cap and then dress the infant.

## **Interventions for Neonatal Hypothermia**

If a premature infant needs to be rewarmed

- Closely monitored vital sign every 15 to 30 minutes
- BP, HR and cardiac rhythm, RR and effort, oxygen saturations, acid-base balance, and blood glucose levels
- Active rewarming : bradycardia or arrhythmia hypotension
- Rewarm slowly by approximately 0.5°C per hour.

## **Transfer from Incubator to Open Crib**

- Infant continues to have stable temperatures at an incubator temperature of 29°C,
- Weight at least 1,700-1,800 g
- Consistent weight gain for at least 5 days
- Some center
  - switch to the air-control mode before weaning
  - challenge the clothed infant

# Hyperthermia

#### **Hyperthermia**

- Core temperature > 37.5°C
- Occurs because of environmental factors leading to overheating

## **Effects of Hyperthermia**

#### Risk factors

- Maternal fever occurs during labor and delivery
- Environmental
- Dehydration
- Result in neurologic injury and an increased risk of seizures.

## **Clinical of hyperthermia**

- Lethargy
- Irritability
- Apnea
- Dehydration
- Peripheral vasodilation and flushing
- tachycardia
- Tachypnea
- Poor feeding

