BREASTFEEDING ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATION TOOL

At 24-48 hours:	
Is baby latched with wide mouth, tongue down, and jaw movement? Y / N	
Further teaching comments:	
	NUMBER FOUR
	Observe latch. May pull baby's jaw down while on to bring tongue out more or to help flange lips. If not convinced baby is on well, have Mom take off and latch again.
	Y/N
	NUMBER FIVE
Does Mom feel tugging at breast when baby nurses and only nipple discomfort for 10-20 seconds? Y / N Further teaching comments:	If Mom is having moderate pain or traumatized nipple, evaluate latch. - teach nipple care, air drying, Lanolin, shells - position changes - nutritive/non-nutritive sucking Mom can take baby off breast when swallowing stops and/or baby changes suck from long draws to short chomps (usually 10-15 minutes). Change sides until content. Y/N Evaluate baby's hydration (2 wets/1-2 stools); brickdust is normal until milk is in. Y/N May have Mom massage breast before a feeding to aid in let down and/or warm pack. Is Mom able to express milk? Y/N
	Continue frequent nursing and/or add extra pumping for stimulation. May need supplements as doctor or lactation consultant advises if above answers "no".

**Nurse: Any Comments, please sign and date.