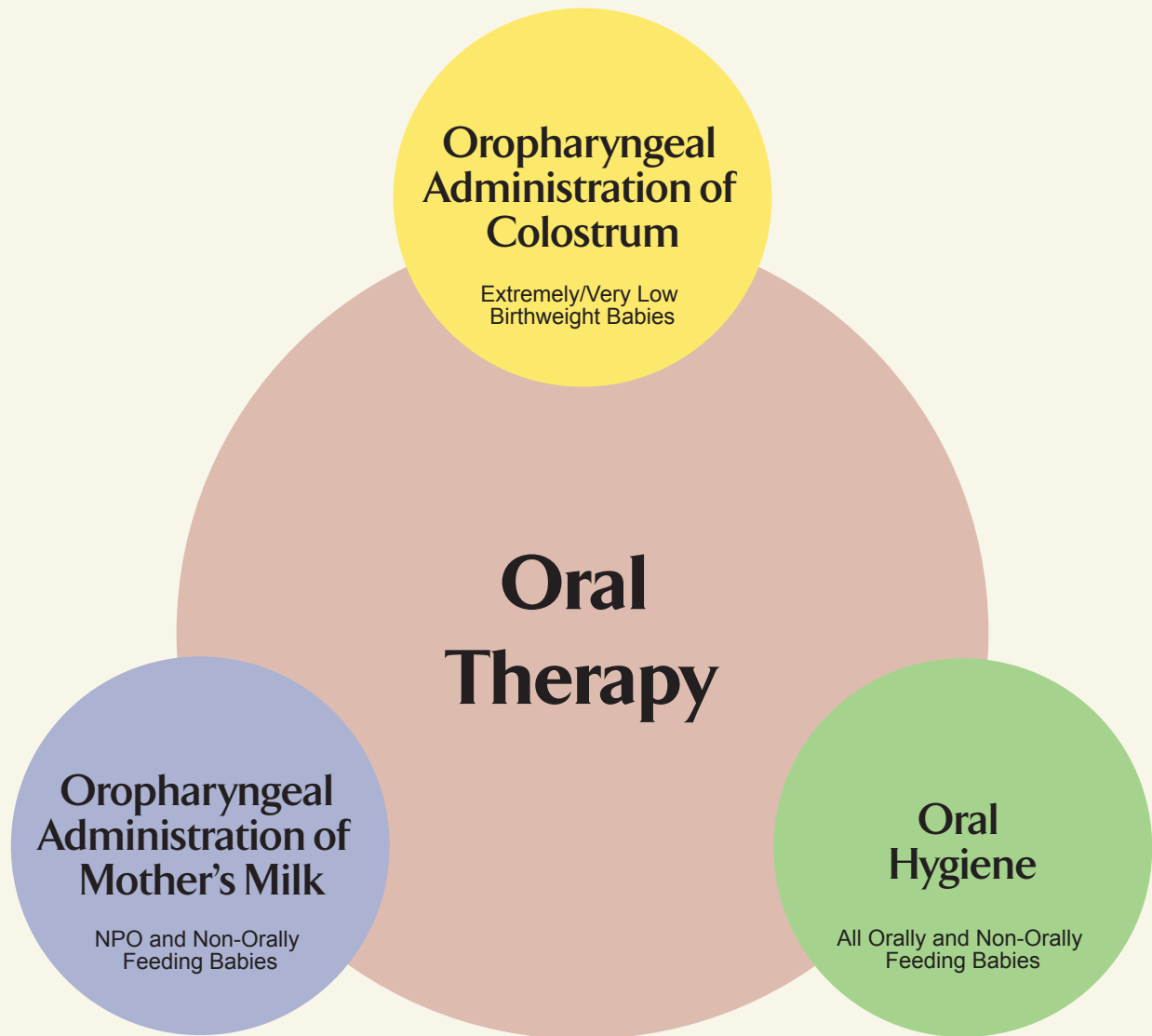


Clinical Update

Oral Therapy and
The Use of Mother's Milk
for the Treatment of Neonates



Expected Benefits

Exposure to Biofactors/Immune Agents

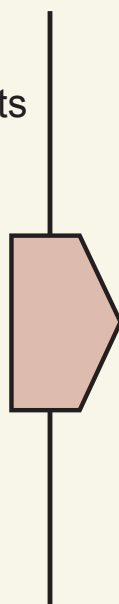
Coat the oral cavity with sIgA, interleukins lactoferrin, lysozyme and oligosaccharides.

Developmental Support

Introduce taste & smell of mother's milk to encourage maternal bonding, development of non-nutritive sucking, and calming/soothing.

Infection Prevention

Regular cleaning and moisturizing help reduce the possibility of healthcare-acquired infection and maintain good oral tissue health.



Expected Outcomes

Reduced time to oral feeds

Reduced time to enteral feeds

Shorter length of stay

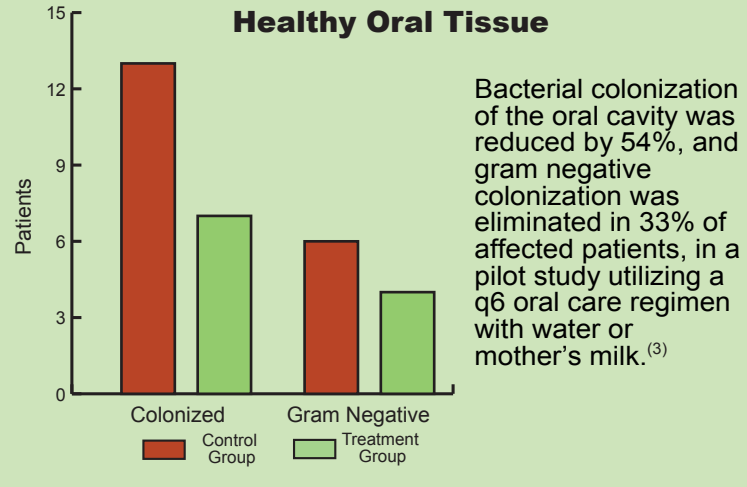
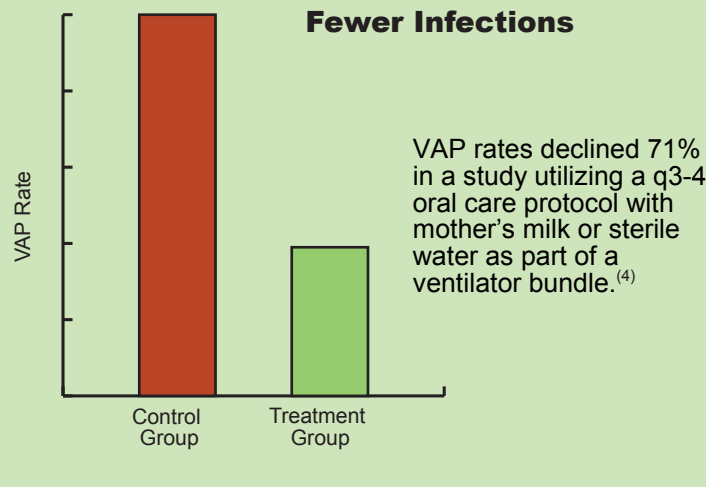
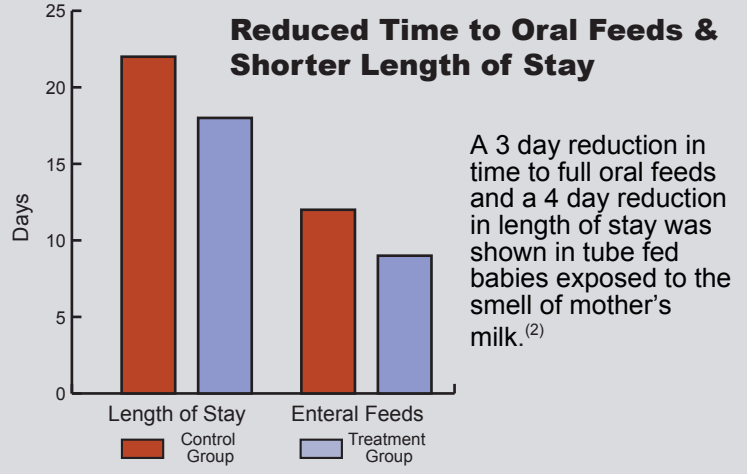
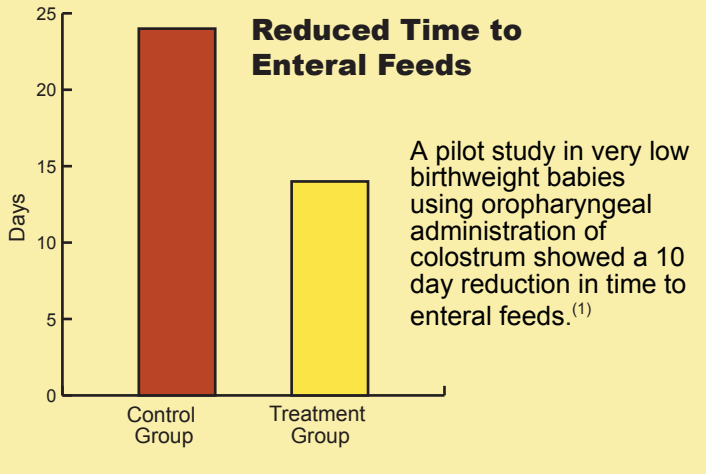
Healthy oral tissue

Fewer infections

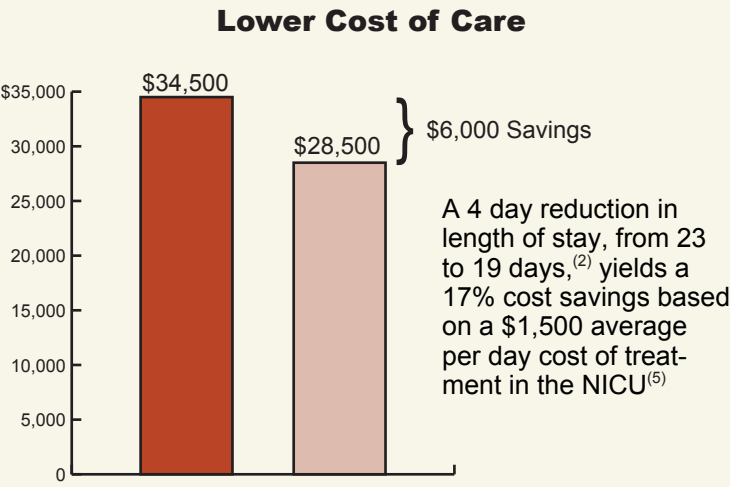
Lower cost of care

The Potential Impact of Oral Therapy

Improved Clinical Outcomes



Lower Costs and Other Benefits



In addition to direct cost savings, indirect benefits may accrue from a comprehensive oral therapy program:

- ❖ Oral aversion may be mitigated by introducing the taste of mother's milk.
- ❖ Non-nutritive sucking may be stimulated.
- ❖ Maternal bonding is encouraged both by acclimating the baby to the mother's smell, and by parental participation in oral therapy.
- ❖ Babies may be calmed and comforted by mother's milk.

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