

Remember

- If your baby was born one or more months early or weighed 2kg or less at birth, your baby will need eye examination.
- The first examination must be by 30 days of life.
- More than one eye examination may be needed.
- The examination is by a specialist eye doctor and is entirely safe.
- If treatment is needed it must be given within 2-3 days.



The examination is free at this hospital.



Was your baby born before 9 months?

- If your baby was born one or more months early or weighed 2kg or less at birth, your baby's eyes will need to be examined.
- This is because some babies born early can develop an eye condition called retinopathy of prematurity

Did your baby weigh less than 2kgs at birth?

- This condition can lead to serious loss of vision.
- If examined within 30 days of life and treated immediately your baby's vision can be protected.



Even if the outside of the eyes look entirely normal, the inside may be affected by retinopathy of prematurity. This is why an eye doctor needs to examine the inside of the eyes.

The first examination must be by 30 days of life. The eye specialist may need to examine your baby's eyes more than once. It is important that you follow their advice even if your baby is back at home. If treatment is needed it must be given within 2-3 days.

When should my baby's eyes be examined?

The examination takes only a few minutes and is entirely safe. A nurse will put eye drops into both eyes and then the eye specialist will examine the inside of the eyes using a bright light.

How will my baby's eye be examined?

