

Some circadian health and light wellness tips for expectant mothers or those planning to get pregnant:

- 1. Buy a light meter! Just like we use health recipes and weight scales to maintain known wellness pillars, we need a way to maintain circadian health too!
- 2. Get the right kind of light at the right time of day, and remove the wrong kind of light at the right time of day in order to maintain a healthy circadian rhythm for your child.
  - a. See Light Wellness Guidelines for tips on how to get the right kind of light at the right time of day!

## IF YOU END UP IN THE NICU, OR EXPECT TO BE IN THE NICU:

- 1. Talk with your doctor's about whether they use cycled lighting or constant lighting in their NICU space.
- 2. Advocate for having your child in a space with plentiful access to natural daylight particularly in the primary or secondary daylight zone.
- 3. Find out if you have access to any lighting controls within that space if any.
- 4. Ask if you are allowed to bring in any supplemental light for during the day.
- 5. Ask what kind of shading devices are available for midday, evening, nighttime and middle of the night nurse care.
- 6. Get creative with your light and shade solutions!
- 7. Reach out to LVG if you need any advice or support!

IF YOU GIVE BIRTH FULL-TERM AND ANTICIPATE BRINGING YOUR LITTLE ONE HOME MORE IMMEDIATELY:

- 1. Select a space in your home with plentiful access to natural daylight as their nursery.
- 2. Review and select lighting products and applications for your nursery that will support your child's circadian function.
- 3. Avoid overhead lighting or vertical lighting at the eye level during midnight care times.
- 4. Provide low-level lighting of both position and intensity for midnight care times, but turn those lights off while your baby sleep soundly.
- 5. Get creative with your light and shade solutions!

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