

Parent Agreement to Feed Banked Breast Milk

What is Banked Breast Milk?

Bronson's Mothers' Milk Bank provides pasteurized (heat-treated) breast milk. The milk is donated by healthy women who are nursing their own babies and have extra milk to donate to the milk bank. The donors are carefully screened. They don't receive compensation. The milk from several donors is pooled and heat-treated. The heat treatment kills all known viruses and bacteria. Before the milk is dispensed it is tested to make sure it does not contain bacteria.

Why is this important?

Breast milk is the preferred nutrition for all infants, especially premature or sick infants. There are times, however, when a mother cannot provide all of the breast milk necessary to meet her baby's needs. When this occurs, the baby can receive the available breast milk from the mother and additional (banked) breast milk, to meet their nutritional needs.

Your approval:

We would like to feed your baby donated, heat-treated breast milk from the milk bank until your own milk is available and sufficient volume to meet your baby's nutritional needs or until the physician determines that your baby is ready for supplementation with formula. If you are planning to breastfeed, it is important that you agree to pump, as recommended, for the duration of time that donor milk is being used for your baby to stimulate your full production unless you are medically unable to do so. Mothers who are planning to exclusively formula feed, but whose infants would benefit from the use of donor breast milk as determined by the physician will not be required to pump. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have been informed about banked breast milk, your responsibilities related to use of donor milk and all your questions have been answered.

I am in agreement that my baby _____ should be fed banked
(PRINT YOUR BABY'S FIRST AND LAST NAMES)
breast milk provided by Bronson's Mothers' Milk Bank.

(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(PRINTED NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

(RELATIONSHIP TO BABY)

(WITNESS)

(DATE)

