

Chapter 41: Caring for Infants and Their Parents

Weighing the Baby			
		Name:	
		Date:	
<i>Remember to promote:</i>			
Dignity • Independence • Individualized Care • Preferences • Privacy • Safety			
Pre-Procedure	S	U	Comments
1. Practise proper hand hygiene.			
2. Collect the following supplies:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby scale			
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper for the scale			
<input type="checkbox"/> Items for diaper changing (<i>see the Procedure box Diapering the Baby on page 993</i>)			
Procedure	S	U	Comments
3. Place the paper on the scale.			
4. Adjust the scale to zero (0).			
5. Undress the baby, and remove the diaper. Clean the genital area.			
6. Lay the baby on the scale. Keep one hand over the baby without touching the baby.			
7. Read the digital display (FIGURE 41.26), or move the pointer until the scale is balanced.			
8. Diaper and dress the baby. Lay the baby in the crib.			
Post-Procedure	S	U	Comments
9. Return the scale to its proper place.			
10. Practise proper hand hygiene.			
Report and Record the weight and your observations, according to employer policy.			