# BENEFITS OF INFANT MASSAGE



#### For infants:

- Facilitates weight gain
- Promotes sleep
- Reduces stress
- Reduces colic and constipation
- Decreases irritability

### For parents:

- Promotes understanding of infant cues
- Enhances communication and emotional ties
- Increases confidence and handling skills

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# INFANT MASSAGE

Age: Birth - 1 year



# IDEAL AGE TO BEGIN INFANT MASSAGE

It's never too early to start massaging your baby! Your baby's first massage might even be on their birth day. With newborns, be extra gentle when using any oils on their sensitive skin.

### FOR INFANT MASSAGE

Over time with repeated practice, you will learn when your infant responds well to a massage. Consider the following times for an infant massage:

- ~45 minutes after eating
- Before bedtime at night
- After a diaper change
- When baby is calm, alert, and awake

Avoid massaging your infant too soon after a feeding because it may cause baby to spit up.



### **MATERIALS NEEDED**

(any of the 3)

- **01.** Baby massage oil
- **02.** Coconut oil
- **03.** Baby lotion

### **IDEAL LOCATION**

Home or indoor space at room temperature

## HOW DO I MASSAGE MY BABY?

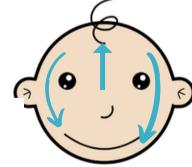
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"You" (upside-down "U")

