

## Dear Parent,

Congratulations! Your journey home will begin shortly. Graduation from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is a major milestone in your baby's development.

Although time in the NICU varies, it's likely now that your baby can maintain normal body temperature, feed from the breast and/or bottle, and is gaining weight steadily. Your baby has made huge progress!

While in the NICU, the dedicated team of Neonatologists and Nurses has worked hard to ensure your baby receives the proper nutrition needed to gain weight. Now you will take everything you have learned to care for your baby at home.

It's common that feeding and weight gain monitoring are two of the most consuming aspects of caring for your baby – in terms of time, emotion and ultimately patience. Generally speaking, your baby will need to be fed smaller amounts of food and more often. Babies born prematurely typically feed slowly and tire easily.

Under your doctor's recommendation, your baby is being fed Similac® NeoSure® Infant Formula with Iron, a special nutrient-enriched formula made specifically for infants born prematurely. It's important that this nutrient-enriched formula continue to be utilized throughout your baby's first year, the time when your baby grows the most. NeoSure is specially formulated to help support development, inside and out.

### Similac® NeoSure® provides:

- More calories, protein, vitamins and minerals than standard term formulas
- DHA and ARA, special nutrients found in breast milk that are important for an infants' brain and eye development
- Extra calcium and phosphorus to support growing bones

Specialized, enriched nutrition is critical for your baby's growth and development. Even **the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists** states that *"small, preterm neonates may benefit from the use of such formulas for up to 9 months after hospital discharge."*\*

You have been and will continue to be one of the most important partners in your baby's care. Trust the makers of Similac Infant Formulas to help ensure your baby receives optimal nutrition.

Visit [www.StrongMoms.com](http://www.StrongMoms.com) to learn more about Similac NeoSure, connect with other parents, and sign-up for free offers.

Sincerely,



\*Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 6th ed. Washington, DC: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2007