

Butterfly Support

The Butterfly Support, patented, is used in NICU's and Special Care Nurseries for midline head centering and flexion.

Support and position the infant's head and upper body for partial side lying and supine. Use with ventilated or non-ventilated infants.

Head preference, a common problem with premature infants. They are often facing to the right. Head preference is reinforced due to prolonged stays in the NICU where the majority of caregivers are right handed and right side lying is often the preferred position in isolettes.

- **The support makes it easy to rotate and position the infant for supine or partial side lying.**

Torticollis, positional or congenital muscular torticollis where the infant has a strong lateral pull with rotation towards the affected side.

- **Use the support to promote midline centering.**

VP Shunt for Hydrocephalus where the infant tends to turn away from the shunt side.

- **Use the support to create a balance for supine positioning.**

Plagiocephaly, flattening of one side of the skull due to persistent pressure.

- **The support makes it easy to vary the infant's position to help prevent Plagiocephaly.**

ATNR (Asymmetrical Tonic Neck Reflex) in neurologically impaired babies with whom the reflex is strong and obligatory.

- **Use of the support will help inhibit the ATNR and promote midline of the head and upper extremities.**

Head and Neck Hyperextension. This hyperextension is often seen in babies with Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia.

- **Use the support to inhibit the hyperextension and promote elongation of neck extension in supine position. The support helps raise the back of the head and create a good chin tuck.**

Nippling, at about 34 weeks, when the infant begins to show signs of readiness to nipple feed.

- **Use the support to position and hold the infants as they learn to suck.**
- **Can be used to position the infant for breast or bottle feeding.**

Neonatal Follow-Up, where infants return to the hospital for follow up assessment, especially at 6 weeks corrected age.

- **Use the support to position the infant to enhance tone and promote midline during the assessment.**
- **Often recommended to parents as a support for home use.**

Premature Infants at Home The Butterfly Support can be used by parents to promote midline centering of the head and upper body. Use for partial side lying and supine positioning when the infant is awake and under supervision. Use in swings and strollers when the infant is reclined. Use as a support for bathing the infant. Not intended for unsupervised sleeping. Check with your healthcare provider for recommended position for sleeping.



VP Shunt left side

