

To Whom it may concern;

AS an NICU nurse and infant Developmental Care advocate, the 'Travel Bud' is worthy of endorsement.

Upon its' first presentation, I was very skeptical, as most "preemie" products are of little value to the baby.

After using the 'Travel Bud' it has become an indispensable item for most premature infants in our NICU.

Premature infants today are discharged home at lower weights and gestation than ever before. The implementation of car seat probing for this unique population is to ensure safety in the car. In our experience the 'Travel Bud' allows these infants to be physically and physiologically safe for their ride home. We have seen borderline oxygen saturation's of infants in car seats, who have had dramatic improvements once the 'Travel Bud' was inserted. The infant's position immediately became better and there was a comfort and coziness that could not be achieved with side and head rolls.

The 'Travel Bud' has been the difference between a baby sitting safely in a car seat and being discharged to home, from a baby, who, when put just in a car seat was unsafe for travel and needed to remain in the NICU for several more days or a week, making parents disappointed and management frustrated.

The 'Travel Bud' has also been a great asset for infants with conditions that may cause them to have low muscle tone such as a 'downs syndrome' infant. The car seat insert offers great support for this group of babies as well, even though they may be born at term and are not premature. The 'Travel Bud' will also work well in infant's swing or seat.

Our NICU uses the 'Travel Bud' almost daily and I truly believe this is the best little product for premature infants I have ever seen and would highly recommend it for the safety and comfort of all premature infants who will need to be in a car seat.

Regards



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