

# A Shift Towards Better Milk Management

How do you choose a comprehensive milk management solution that best fits your unit's needs?



Whether you're just starting to explore feeding management solutions or have been searching for a while, assessing solutions can be a daunting task. Our clinical team has put together a checklist to guide you through the process with ease and confidence. **Asking the following questions of each vendor you are considering will give you an 'apples-to-apples' comparison.**

## Which products does the system track?

- Maternal milk
- Donor milk
- Prolacta/Human-derived Human Milk Fortifiers (H2MF) products
- Formula (ready-to-feed, powdered)
- Fortifiers, additives, and modulars

## Is your EHR compatible with the software?

- Yes - fully integrated (bi-directional, including ADT and order information)
- Yes - partially integrated (downstream of ADT integration)
- Is automated nutrition order verification available?
- Do key data (time, feed ingredients, calorie density, lot numbers if applicable, etc.) flow into the patient's chart after providing feeds and oral care?

## What information is included on labels?

- Multiple patient identifiers (name, MRN, date of birth)
- Unique bottle identifier
- Base contents (maternal milk, donor milk, formula)
- Additives (Prolacta, HMF, formula, and any other additives your unit uses)
- Calorie density
- Expiration date
- State of milk (fresh, frozen, thawed)

## What hardware is necessary to access the system?

- Is it available on desktop, mobile, or both?
- Will you need to purchase additional hardware? (mobile devices, scanners, thermal label printers, etc.)
- Is it compatible with all your current scanning devices (handheld, Bluetooth, tethered, etc.)?

## How does the system support siblings?

- Can a parent use a single label for all multiples when pumping?
- Does the system easily allow for milk (maternal and donor) to be shared among multiples or must it be assigned to one patient only?

## Does the software allow users to easily view inventory?

- Does the system provide a real-time view of what milk and/or feeds are available per patient?
- Can you view donor milk and H2MF usage over time to inform future orders?

## How are donor milk and H2MF fortifiers tracked in the system?

- Can lot numbers be electronically tracked and stored to meet regulatory guidelines?
- Can a single bottle of donor milk be safely assigned to multiple patients?

## How does the software support receiving parents' milk?

- Does scanning verification take place when receiving milk?
- Are pump date and time tracked?
- Can staff efficiently receive multiple bottles at one time?

## Does the system allow for the following preparation and fortification workflows?

- Thaw milk
- Fortify milk
- Prepare formulas (including powdered and mixing ready-to-feed products)
- Combine multiple bottles (of EBM, donor milk, formula, or a combination thereof)
- Batch preparation

## How well does the system guide users through recipes and fortification?

- Can users fortify maternal milk and donor milk with a wide variety of additives?
- Does the system provide built-in recipe calculators for greater precision?
- Is the list of available recipes customizable to your facility's protocols and preferences?
- Are expiration dates customizable to your facility's policies?

## How does the software support feed and non-nutritive care administration to patients?

- Does the system eliminate the need for two-nurse verification at feeding?
- Does the system verify milk used for oral care?

## Does the system engage and support caregivers?

- Can parents view inventory of pumped milk at home versus at the hospital?
- Do parents have access to log pumping sessions and milk volume?
- Are there parent milk production trends and reports to visualize lactation changes over time?
- Does the system allow for 2-way chat options with lactation staff or breastfeeding resources within the hospital?
- Can breastfeeding education resources (in the form of PDFs, videos, and photos) be loaded on the system for parents to access?

## How does the system handle the discharge of unused milk when patients leave the unit?

- Is unused milk scanned to verify patient match before it is sent home with a family?

## What does implementation and ongoing support involve?

- Does the vendor have clinical staff (RNs, RDs) to lead training?
- Are training materials and user guides tailored for your facility?
- Do clinical support and data review continue at regular intervals post-go live?
- How responsive is technical support to both acknowledging and resolving issues?
- What is the typical cadence for software updates and downtime?

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