

Consultation on the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) Position Statement on the use of Dummies for the Healthy Term Breastfed Infant – APNA submission

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The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to consultation on the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) Position Statement on the use of Dummies for the Healthy Term Breastfed Infant. We are providing this submission on behalf of our membership, Australian primary health care nurses.

APNA Submission

APNA's responses to the questions raised in the consultation survey are listed below:

1) Do you think the title: 'Position Statement on the Use of Dummies for the Healthy Term Breastfed Infant' is appropriate?

No - We prefer the term pacifier or artificial pacifier to 'dummy'. The word 'dummy' has negative connotations.

2) Do you think the introduction to the Draft Position Statement is adequate?

Yes - this is an appropriate introduction and lends to application in the community with common sense.

However, we also wish to note that although we support the expansion of the term 'dummy' in the introduction (for health literacy reasons) we are of the view that a preferred term would be pacifier or artificial pacifier.

3) If you have any suggested changes to the introduction to the Draft Position Statement, please describe below.

No changes

4) Do you agree with the Key Principles as outlined in the Draft Position Statement?

Yes we do, and we feel they are well referenced and in line with International best practice.

We do wish to note, however, the reference above to use of the term 'dummy'.

- 5) **If you have any suggested changes to the Key Principles as outlined in the Draft Position Statement, please describe below.**

No suggested changes other than that outlined above.

- 6) **Do you agree with the considerations for Achieving Best Practice as outlined in the Draft Position Statement?**

Yes

- 7) **Do you think any changes to the Resources to Guide Practice are required?**

No

- 8) **Please provide any other comments or feedback in relation to the 'Draft Position Statement on the Use of Dummies for the Healthy Term Breastfed Infant' below.**

We are making this submission on behalf of the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA).

About APNA

Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) is the peak professional body for nurses working in primary health care. APNA champions the role of primary health care nurses; to advance professional recognition, ensure workforce sustainability, nurture leadership in health, and optimise the role of nurses in patient-centred care.

APNA is bold, vibrant and future-focused. We reflect the views of our membership and the broader profession by bringing together nurses from across Australia to represent, advocate, promote and celebrate the achievements of nurses in primary health care.

Nurses in primary health care contribute to a healthy Australia through innovative, informed and dynamic care.

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