Thank you for your decision to provide breast milk for your infant. As you know, your breast milk is the preferred milk for your baby. It has the right blend of proteins, minerals and other nutrients needed for human growth. Breast-fed babies are less likely to have infections, diarrhea, asthma, constipation, allergies and many other conditions. Your milk also contains antiviral and antibacterial factors and antibodies to many specific disease organisms.

The Lactation Management Team at Children’s Mercy has electric breast pumps for you to use while your infant is a patient here. As we are trying to help every mother achieve her goals during her baby’s hospital stay and beyond, our breast pumps can be a limited resource. We are asking for your help in securing a breast pump from an alternate source prior to discharge, so we can continue to help new mothers as their infants arrive.

Where can I locate a breast pump?

• **The hospital where you delivered**
  Many delivering hospitals serve as rental stations. This option is likely to be closer to your home and more convenient.

• **Rental stations in your community**
  These can be located by calling 1 (800) TELL-YOU or 1 (800) 835-5968 and entering your zip code at the prompts; or
  - medelabreastfeedingus.com
    - click “buy in-store,” then select retail, rental, or insurance pumps.
  - ameda.com
    - click “product locator” for options.

• **WIC offices**
  Many WIC offices offer electric breast pumps. Some offices rent monthly while others require a deposit. Many times, WIC requires an appointment with you and your child before approving a pump for rental. However, if you explain that your child is a patient at Children’s Mercy, they may be able to help you.

• **Health Department**
  In some areas, the health department provides breast pumps, instead of WIC. Check with your local health department for availability.

The Lactation Management Team will be happy to help you obtain a prescription from the doctor or write a letter of medical need, if necessary.
Insurance companies vary on their coverage of electric breast pumps. A phone call to the company providing the mother’s insurance is the best place to start. Please be sure to explain your baby is hospitalized and not able to feed at the breast. It is best to make contact with the insurance company or Medicaid within 30 days of the child’s birth.

Usually there is a customer service number or a number to verify benefits/claims listed on the back of your insurance card. If you have been working with a case manager during your pregnancy, this would be a great contact person.

**Does my insurance company or Medicaid cover breast pumps?**

Some insurance companies allow use of flex spending or health savings accounts to obtain a breast pump. Insurance companies often work with DME, or durable medical equipment companies to provide supplies to patients. Customer service through your insurance company may be able to direct you to DMEs that accept your insurance. When requesting a list of DMEs from your insurance company, it is helpful to let them know you are looking for a breast pump.

Below are some of the DMEs our patients have used that have worked with their insurance companies.

**American Care & Equipment**
8801 W. 75th St.
Overland Park, KS 66204
[americanercarekc.com](http://americanercarekc.com)
Phone: (913) 383-3456
Fax: (913) 383-3797
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open on Saturdays by appointment only

**Advancing Medical Solutions**
21975 W. 83rd St.
Lenexa, KS 66227
[dvtsolutions.net](http://dvtsolutions.net)
Phone: (913) 745-4468
Fax: (913) 745-4182
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Edgepark Medical Supplies**
edgepark.com
Phone: 1 (888) 394-5375
Hours: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Elite Medical Innovations**
1125 Strang Line Road
Lenexa, KS 66215
[emidme.com](http://emidme.com)
Phone: (913) 998-9147
Fax: (913) 998-9150
Hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Evenings and weekends by appointment

**Progressive Medical Inc.**
[pmikc.com](http://pmikc.com)
Phone: 1 (888) 500-0886
Fax: (913) 685-0939
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SunMed Medical**
sunmedomedical.com
Phone: 1 (800) 714-7434
SunMed is a national DME that will provide pumps at no cost through the following insurance companies:
Aetna
Humana
Tricare
Blue Cross Blue Shield

**Target Breast Pump Program**
In connection with McKesson Patient Care Solutions Inc. (MPCS)
1 (855) 406-7867 or visit target.com/pump for more information.
An MPCS representative will determine your insurance eligibility and pump options and even place the order on your behalf. Then you can pick it up in a Target store or have it delivered to your home.