

Chapter 12 Study Questions

Describe each reflex and state the age at which it is expected to disappear.

Reflex	Description	Age at Disappearance
Moro		
Rooting		
Tonic Neck		
Palmar Grasp		

Normal newborn head circumference ranges from _____ inches to _____ inches or from _____ cm to _____ cm

List two functions of a newborn's fontanelles.

a.

b.

Describe the following characteristics of the anterior fontanelle.

a. Shape: _____

b. Location (bones): _____

c. Time of closure: _____

Describe the following characteristics of the posterior fontanelle.

a. Shape: _____

b. Location (bones): _____

c. Time of closure: _____

Describe the three steps for using a bulb syringe to remove a newborn's excess secretions.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

What is a common route for taking a newborn's first temperature? _____

Subsequent temperatures are taken by what route? _____

Expectant parents are attending a prepared childbirth class in which you discuss circumcision. Several ask you if their sons should have the procedure done and another couple said they thought all boys were circumcised. What should you tell these couples about the advantages and disadvantages of cir-cumcision? What should you tell them about circumcision in the Jewish faith?

a. Advantages:

b. Disadvantages:

a. Explain the normal occurrences that cause physiologic jaundice.

b. Physiologic jaundice appears at about _____ days after birth and lasts for about _____ week(s).

The newborn's stomach has a capacity of about _____ mL and empties in about _____ hours.

c. Why is it important to prevent infection in a newborn and what characteristic of the newborn's response to infection can make it difficult to recognize?
