

Question:

1. Does your facility use Gelmix for thickening infant formula?
2. If you use this product, do you have certain guidelines of patients that are and are not appropriate for this product?

Facility	Response
ORG A	It is only in the OT/PT department. We tend to use it more for OP than IP, but might at some time use if for IP. We do use with infants. Usually for EBM. Baby needs to be at least 42 weeks, better to be 44 weeks.
ORG B	<p>We are currently working to carry specifically in our NICU for infants using breast milk that require thickening.</p> <p>We follow the guidelines established by the product/company regarding age/weight of the patient. We also discuss with our neonatologist(s) prior to implementation of the product to make sure that the entire care team is on board with moving forward with using the product, and make sure this is something that the family will be able to complete independently & have access once discharged from the hospital since our medicaid doesn't cover the cost of thickener</p>
ORG C	We typically use in EBM if over 42 weeks. Have only used in formula if parents do not want to thicken with rice cereal
ORG D	We are using Gelmix on a case by case basis and do not have formal guidelines just yet; a work in progress as we work with the

	product on each individual case at this time.
ORG E	<p>We don't typically use it with formula.</p> <p>We will use it to thicken breastmilk for kids > 6lbs and > 42 weeks.</p>
ORG F	<p>Yes we use Gelmix - formula and breastmilk.</p> <p>Guidelines: Children 6 pounds and greater and 42 weeks or greater gestational age. Not to be used with patients with galactomannan allergy</p>
ORG G	<p>We follow the guidelines on the Gelmix website (see below). We may consider thickening liquids if the patient is aspirating. It is typically used to thicken breast milk, however we have used it for infants aspirating and on a specific formula (such as Neocate). Our SLPs always consult with the attending MD to determine if Gelmix is appropriate for the patient.</p>
ORG F	<p>The patients must be at least 40 weeks corrected for us to use Gelmix. They must have a modified barium swallow study to determine need for thickening liquids. We always defer the final recommendation for type of thickener to the MD, but we offer it as an option.</p>