

Table S2. Themes, sub-themes and framework categories

Themes and sub-themes	Framework categories describing barriers and facilitators
Lactation initiation:	
1. Timing of discussion with mothers	Patients' role in decision-making
2. Informing mothers about lactation and breastfeeding	Patients' role in decision making Interpretation of evidence; Self-efficacy
Human milk management :	
1. Evaluation of risk-benefits of fresh human milk	Interpretation of evidence
2. Access to pasteurized milk	Resources
Lactation maintenance and transfer to the breast:	
1. Maintaining milk supply	Self efficacy
2. Use of bottles	Interpretation of evidence
3. Breastfeeding as part of infant's care	Self-efficacy
4. Transfer to the breast	Self efficacy Patients' role in decision making
Organizational factors:	
1. Visiting policies	Organizational constraints
2. Privacy	Resources
3. Discharge from neonatal unit	Organizational constraints