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# Understanding International Policy on HIV and Breastfeeding: a comprehensive resource

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The risk of HIV virus transmission from mother to child is a major challenge to optimal breastfeeding practices. However, this risk is minimised through the availability of prevention, family planning, early detection/testing, effective lifelong treatment with antiretrovirals along with appropriate infant feeding practices and consistent support. The known benefits of breastfeeding to reduce mortality from other infections justify an approach that strongly recommends the option of breastfeeding plus ARVs as the standard of care.

WABA is proud to launch the Understanding International Policy on HIV and Breastfeeding: A Comprehensive Resource. This Kit provides information on the concepts and recommendations for dealing with infant feeding and HIV. With this Kit, we can empower and support women in their own efforts to make informed choices and create a more enabling environment in which to breastfeed.

“ Science confirms the power of breastfeeding and information is power. We can use this power to make the world a better place for all women and children, even for those living with HIV/AIDS. ”



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