



# Pointers For Parents-To-Be

## Things That Fall Under A New Mom's Radar

(NAPSA)—With so much to do in preparation for the new baby, there are a few things that some parents, and not just new ones, accidentally let fall under the radar. Outlined below are five things that may be forgotten when preparing for the arrival of a new baby:

### Before the Baby Comes

**1. Putting the nursery together:** Every parent likes the nursery to be finished by the time the baby comes. This typically means outfitting the room with a crib, changing table, and rocking chair, just to name a few things. But before the furniture comes the painting.

“Many parents don’t realize that when painting a nursery, it is important to use a low or non-VOC [Volatile Organic Compounds] paint,” said Dr. Jennifer Shu, a pediatrician from Atlanta, Ga., and co-author of “Heading Home With Your Newborn: From Birth to Reality.” “In addition, a pregnant mom or new baby should not be around the paint fumes, as they are more susceptible to the toxins.”

**2. Buying vs. borrowing the equipment:** Friends who are already parents can be a great resource for new parents, whether it is for advice or hand-me-downs. However, what some parents don’t realize is that in between one child and the next, things may have been discovered about that crib, stroller or high chair that the previous owner is unaware of. That is why it is important for parents who are using hand-me-down furniture to take a look at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to find information about the product. You can find the information you need here: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prere1/category/child.html>.



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**3. Installing car seats:** Everyone needs a car seat before taking baby home from the hospital. However, nearly 75 percent of seats are installed incorrectly. It’s important to read the car seat instruction manual—as well as the vehicle owner’s manual—carefully and secure the car seat (and later, the baby) properly. Parents can have their installation efforts checked by a certified technician at a car seat safety event. For more information, see <http://www.seatcheck.org/> or call 1-866-SEAT-CHECK.

### After the Baby Comes

**4. Vaccines for the newborn:** More and more stories have been appearing in the media recently regarding a possible link between vaccines and autism. This has some moms scared to get their children vaccinated properly after they are born.

“There are no facts to back that theory up,” said Dr. Shu. “Parents

should speak to their Health Care Provider about their concerns and hopefully they will be able to ease their fears.”

**5. Diaper rash:** A diaper rash seems one of the most typical things to happen to a child. However, many parents do not realize that some cases of diaper rash also contain a yeast infection called Candida. In addition, some parents do not realize that this condition can also affect boys just as often as girls. In the past, this type of diaper rash might have needed a combination of a few different topical ointments to treat the condition. However, the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved Vusion® (0.25% miconazole nitrate, 15% zinc oxide and 81.35% white petrolatum) Ointment for the treatment of diaper rash with a documented yeast infection. Specifically formulated for the treatment of diaper rash with a documented Candida, Vusion Ointment is the only FDA-approved treatment for this purpose and contains an anti-fungal medication, zinc oxide and petrolatum all in one tube. Parents should consult their health care provider if their child’s diaper rash doesn’t get better after a few days of home care, as a prescription ointment may be needed.

Becoming a parent can be an overwhelming experience. Realizing that there are resources available can help put new moms and dads at ease. In addition, parents shouldn’t be afraid to ask questions and turn to their health care provider for answers and guidance. Finally, new and experienced parents should remember to relax and enjoy the ride.



### Note to Editors: Important Information about Vusion Ointment

Vusion Ointment is a prescription skin medicine used to treat diaper rash with a documented yeast infection in children 4 weeks and older who have a normal immune system. Your health care provider will need to confirm that your child’s diaper rash is also complicated by a yeast infection. Do not use Vusion Ointment on your child’s diaper rash unless your health care provider tells you that there is also a yeast infection present.

Vusion Ointment should be used as part of a treatment regimen that includes measures directed at the underlying diaper rash, including gentle cleansing of the diaper area and frequent diaper changes. Vusion Ointment contains medicines that will help treat the yeast infection and the diaper rash, but you must also change your child’s diapers often so that your child is not wearing a wet or soiled diaper. Even if you use Vusion Ointment, diaper rash will not go away if you do not keep your child’s diaper area clean and dry. Vusion Ointment should not be used to prevent diaper rash or used for longer than 7 days because preventative use may not allow the treatment to work as well over time. If irritation occurs, or if the rash worsens, stop treatment and contact your health care provider.

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