Steps of evaluation of a newborn baby immediately after birth

APPROXIMATE Time

Birth

• Clear of meconium?
• Breathing or crying?
• Good muscle tone?
• Color pink?
• Term gestation?

Assessment

No

• Provide warmth
• Position; clear airway* (as necessary)
• Dry, stimulate, reposition
• Give O₂ (as necessary)

Evaluation

Apnea or HR>60

• Provide positive-pressure ventilation*

B

Evaluation

HR<60

HR>100

• Provide positive-pressure ventilation*
• Administer chest compressions

C

Evaluation

HR<60

• Administer Epinephrine*

D

Endotracheal intubation may be considered at several steps.