

## Cow's Milk Protein Allergy

How to Wean Your Baby

## Outline of Session

- What is Cow's milk protein allergy?
- Suitable formulas for cow's milk protein allergy
- Cow's Milk Free Weaning & alternative products
- Reintroducing cow's milk & other allergenic foods
- Meeting calcium requirements
- Vitamins for children

#### What is Cow's Milk Protein Allergy (CMPA)?

This is when the body reacts to the **protein** in the cow's milk

- Two types of CMPA:
  - immediate (hives, swelling)
  - delayed (often gut related symptoms)

#### What is Lactose Intolerance?





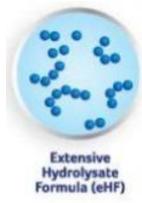
### Symptoms of Cow's Milk Protein Allergy

What symptoms did your baby have?

### Differences in hypoallergenic formulas



Cow's milk formula



**Extensively hydrolysed (eHF)** 



Amino acid-based formula

### Suitable Formulas for Cow's Milk Protein Allergy

Extensively hydrolysed









Amino Acid Formulas







### What are dairy foods?

- Milk from animals, such as cow, sheep, goat & buffalo
- Foods made from milk such as yogurt, cheese, butter
- Milk can also be found in biscuits, cake, chocolate and less obvious food such as gravy!
- Can also be found in some medications

#### Food Labelling

It is important to check food labels:

- Pre-packed food
- Eating out
- 'May contain' warnings
- Check "free from" foods
- · For medicines, always check with your pharmacist

#### Pre-packed Food

Allergy Advice

Contains: Milk.

Ingredients

Butter (from Milk), Salt (1.5%), Minimum 80% Milk Fat content.

For allergens, see ingredients in **bold**.



#### Ingredients

Full Cream Milk (54%), Rice (34%), Water, Sugar.

For allergens, see ingredients in **bold**.



## May Contain



#### Ingredients

Vegetables (Parsnip, Potato, Sweetcorn, Onion), Rice Flour (62%), Maltodextrin, Inulin, Calcium Carbonate, Natural Flavourings, Vitamin C, Niacin, Zinc Sulphate, Vitamin E, Iron, Riboflavin, Vitamin B6, Thiamin, Vitamin A, Folic Acid, Vitamin D, Vitamin B12, Prepared with 110g Vegetables per 100g Cereal including 65g Parsnip, 34g Potato and 8g Sweetcorn

#### Information

Suitable for Vegetarians

Free From Gluten

May Contain Milk

Free From Artificial Colours

Free From Artificial Flavours

Free From Artificial Preservatives

## Stage 1 – Puree

- Try mashed or pureed fruit, vegetables, meat, fish & pulses
- Baby rice or cereal (remember to check food labels)



## Stage 2 - Mashed

- Thicker puree, mashed with a fork
- Include soft lumps



## Stage 3

Well cooked and chopped into small pieces





## Ensure a good variety of all foods

#### Main meals

- Baked beans or scrambled egg on toast
- Meat/chicken or fish with potato/rice and vegetables
- Omelette using milk & cheese alternative

#### Puddings

- Fruit with cow's milk free yoghurts, desserts, ice cream, custard
- Rice pudding, semolina or custard made with formula or
  - milk alternative
- Milk jelly using milk alternatives

#### Finger foods

- Dried fruit/small pieces of soft, ripe fruit
- Cow's milk free cheese cubes/slices
- Breadsticks or hummus
- Crumpets/bagels/pittas/cheese scone made with cheese alternative
- Sandwiches with egg/tuna/chicken/ham/cow's milk free cheese spread
- Cereal or vegetable snacks







## **Eating Out**

 By law, every food establishment should have an allergy folder with recipe ingredients and allergens listed

## Cow's Milk Protein-Free Weaning

- This is the same as weaning a non-allergic baby except you are avoiding foods which contain cow's milk
- No nee gluten, A note on soya! (e.g.
- Weaning occurs around o months, not berore 17wks
- Use baby's usual milk (breast milk or hypoallergenic formula) to mix food to desired consistency

## **Alternative Milks**



Soya Milk



**Hazelnut Milk** 



**Coconut Milk** 



Alpro Soya Growing Up Milk (can be used as main milk drink from 1 year)



**Almond Milk** 



**Hemp Milk** 

## Suitable Alternative Milks

- Can be used in cooking over 6 months of age
- Not to be used as main milk drink until your child is 18mths –
  2yrs of age
- Choose a milk fortified with added calcium
- Choose unsweetened varieties for good dental health
- Rice milk not to be used until child is 5yrs of age
- Ensure diet includes a variety of good protein & iodine sources at both main meals and snacks (e.g. meat/fish, eggs, pulses, nut butters)

# Other Cow's Milk Free Alternative Products

Spread











▶ Cheese











Chocolate







# Will My Child Grow Out Of Their Cow's Milk Protein Allergy?

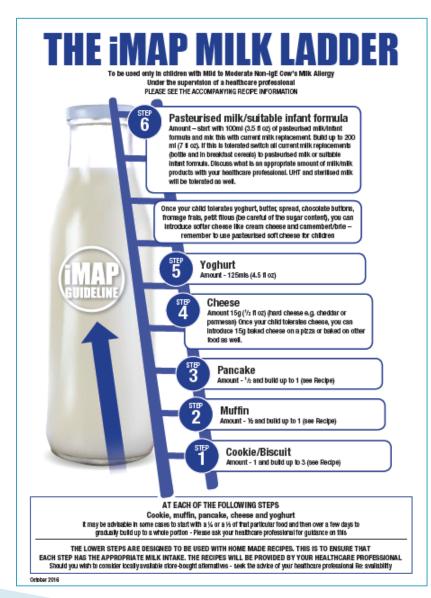
- Some children with mild to moderate non-IgE mediated cow's milk protein allergy will grow out of it by their first birthday
- Most children will grow out of their allergy between 1 and 3 years of age
- Some may take longer than this or may not grow out of it

# Reintroducing Cow's Milk Back Into The Diet

 Cow's milk can be reintroduced into the diet at 9-12 months of age

#### OR

 6 months after starting a cow's milk free diet



## Using the Milk Ladder

# You are aiming to establish a *tolerance* to cow's milk protein

- Ensure your child is well before commencing
- Begin at Step 1 and consume the amount of food suggested
- If the food is tolerated, continue giving your child this food and then try the next step and so on...
- If the food is not tolerated, stop and try again with this step in 4 weeks time
- Continue to keep any milk containing food that was tolerated in the diet

## Meeting Calcium Requirements

- Important to ensure that your child is receiving enough calcium when following a cow's milk protein free diet
- Breastfeeding mums who are following a cow's milk protein free diet may need a calcium supplement
- Calcium requirements change with age
- Use foods fortified with calcium to help meet requirements, e.g. cow's milk protein alternatives

## Vitamins for Children

#### The government recommends:

- ALL children aged 6 months to 5 years are given vitamin supplements containing vitamins A, C & D
- Babies who are breastfed are given a daily vitamin D supplement from birth
- Babies who are formula fed, who are getting more than 500ml (about a pint) of formula per day do not need extra vitamins

## **Useful Links**

#### For support

- Allergy UK <u>www.allergyuk.org</u>
- NHS Choices <u>www.nhs.uk</u>
- British Dietetic Association <u>www.bda.org.uk</u>
- Food Maestro App free from the App store





THE ORIGINAL





#### For recipes (cooking with cow's milk free alternatives)

- www.oatly.com
- www.alpro.com
- www.kokodairyfree.com
- www.provamel.com
- www.tofutti.com
- www.violifefoods.com











