

Why can't my baby get milk feedings?

"Sometimes milk feedings are stopped if the babies are showing signs that they're not digesting properly. They might show us that by having residuals, which means milk left in their stomach when it's time to eat again, and we get especially concerned if those residuals are green or bile stained."

Another reason the baby may not be fed is if the baby develops Abdominal distention. That would just indicate again that maybe the baby's enzymes that digest milk are not yet mature enough or the baby has some other problem that is prohibiting them from digesting normally. So, we like to give the intestines a break, wait and watch, maybe do X- rays periodically to see what's going to happen."

What we don't want to have happen is for the baby to develop Necrotizing Enterocolitis, which is an intestinal infection that can be very severe."