Your baby has been diagnosed with Pierre Robin Sequence. This means that your infant has a small jaw and may find it difficult to suck feeds. Your baby may also exhibit signs that they are experiencing respiratory obstructive episodes and have poor weight gain. Poor weight gain is usually the result of your baby having to put extra effort into sucking feeds thus tiring quickly, using too much energy.

HOW TO IDENTIFY IF YOUR BABY IS HAVING AN OBSTRUCTIVE EPISODE:

- Check if your baby is breathing. Is their chest moving with each breath?
- What is your baby’s general appearance and colour?
- If the baby appears ‘dusky’ or ‘purple’ or ‘grey’ your baby is likely to be having an obstructive episode. Reposition your baby into a prone or side lying position to assist in relieving the obstruction. If unsuccessful seek medical advice and commence CPR.
- If your baby is monitored, take note of your baby’s oxygen saturation levels. Are they abnormal for your infant? If they are significantly low, reposition your infant into a prone or side lying position to help relieve the obstruction.

INSURE YOUR INFANT IS THRIVING WELL:

- Is your infant gaining sufficient weight? Check your infant’s weight gain at least once a week with your local child health nurse.
- How long is your baby taking to feed and how often?
- If your baby seems to appear tired and not wanting to feed seek medical advice from your child health nurse, paediatrician or GP.

YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE LETTERS INFORMING YOU OF VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS WITH DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

PLEASE ATTEND ALL THOSE APPOINTMENTS.