Newborn Reflexes

ROOTING REFLEX

When something touches the side of their mouth, baby will open their mouth and turn toward whatever touched them.

SUCK REFLEX

Baby will start sucking when something touches the roof of their mouth (nipple or bottle).

MORO REFLEX

Lifesaving reflex known as the startle response. Baby will "burst" with excitement upon hearing noise.

TONIC NECK REFLEX

When baby's neck is turned to one side, their arms will extend up in the air or bend at the elbow.

GRASP REFLEX

Baby can grasp at things with their fingers (and toes!) right at birth.

STEPPING REFLEX

When held upright in a supported position, baby will take steps on a flat surface.