Introducing NUK® Stages™ - 3 new pacifiers that provide babies with the right pacifier for each stage of their development. NUK® partnered with Dandle-LION™ Medical and worked with NICU nurses, therapists and feeding and swallowing experts to create this new line of pacifiers that more effectively meet the short and long term oral development needs of all newborns — from the tiniest preemie through full term.

**Three unique one-piece pacifiers for each stage of development:**

**MICRO-PREEMIE PACIFIER**  
<29 weeks gestation  
- Appropriately sized nipple encourages non-nutritive sucking to help calm and soothe  
- First one-piece micro-preemie pacifier in USA  
- Part No: D 16721 B100

**PREEMIE PACIFIER**  
>28 weeks gestation  
- Unique nipple that is slightly bulbous, flatter on the top and round on the bottom  
- Encourages cupping and stripping motions necessary for feeding readiness  
- Part No: D 16722 B100

**FULL TERM PACIFIER**  
Full term or late term babies who are successfully feeding  
- Unique nipple with a flatter top and a slightly angled bottom  
- Angled bottom reduces pressure on the palate by giving the tongue a place to rest  
- Allows baby to more easily switch to truly orthodontic pacifiers when ready – the style recommended by dentists as the best pacifier to promote long-term oral development  
- Part No: D 16723 B100

**MORE REASONS TO LOVE NUK STAGES™**  
- Contoured shields leave room for CPAP and give positive peri-oral stimulation  
- Made with 100% medical grade silicone  
- BPA free  
- One piece pacifiers adhere to AAP guidelines and pass all CPSIA requirements  
- Clean and ready to use
Premature infants and younger newborns are at risk for malformations such as flattened postures, cranial molding, and head/neck asymmetry due to forces exerted by medical equipment, positioning and gravity. The entire orofacial region is very malleable, and medical tubing and tongue pressure exerted on a round pacifier may adversely affect palatal development. Over time, if a pacifier with a round shape is used, the pressure may cause the palate to become more high and narrow leading to a higher risk of malocclusions, facial asymmetries and other later dental issues. The NUK Stages® pacifier line was developed to help prevent long term dental abnormalities and help babies transition easily to a truly orthodontic pacifier.

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Pediatric Dentist Preferred

Dr. Alene D’Alesio, DMD and Program Director of Pediatric Dentistry at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, can tell from an early age if a baby is using a round/symmetrical shaped pacifier by the shape of his/her palate and the position of the teeth. These children also have a higher incidence of crossbite (see picture at left). That’s why she prefers an orthodontic pacifier, like NUK®, that:

• Helps the alveolar arch develop properly
• Reduces the risk of a high and narrow palate
• Reduces pressure on the palate by giving the tongue a place to rest

“It is so important to choose the right type of pacifier from birth, since there is a greater chance that this will be the pacifier the child will continue using. The rounded/symmetrically shaped pacifiers exert pressure circumferentially. This can lead to a narrowed palate...and the child may require palatal expansion around the age of seven. I am an advocate for pacifiers, if the correct one (an angled bottom orthodontic) is used.”  -Dr. D’Alesio

For more than 60 years, NUK® has been globally recognized as a leading brand for innovative, medically-designed baby-care products. The brand’s award-winning pacifiers, created in collaboration with dentists, feature a unique orthodontic shape that supports healthy oral development for babies.