

SMA IN NEWBORNS

## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING TREATMENT DECISIONS

When discussing treatment options with your doctor, it is a good idea to list your questions in order of importance, so if your time with your physician is limited, you will have the opportunity to ask the questions that are most important to you.



### POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- What treatment options are available?
- How do they work?
- How effective are they?
- Will my baby be able to reach their milestones with treatment?
- What is the evidence for their effectiveness?



### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- What are the potential side effects?
- How likely is it that my baby will experience these side effects?
- What should I do if my baby experiences side effects?



### LOGISTICS

- How is the treatment administered and how often?
- Will the treatment be handled in the hospital or at home?



### EXPERIENCE

- How will I know if the treatment is working?
- Is special monitoring required?
- What happens if it does not work?
- What happens if I don't choose any of the available options?
- How much time do I have to decide about treatment?