**MODULE 6: PEDIATRIC FEEDING – INFANTS**

Learner Objectives:

1. Give 2 reasons why feeding a premature infant may be a difficult task.
2. Describe 3 ways an infant is challenged physiologically when feeding.
3. State the 3 main therapeutic interventions a caregiver can implement to support bottle feeding.
4. List 2 indicators of when a modified swallow study may be warranted.

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