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Almost all caesarean sections carried out in our semi-urban secondary level hospital are done under spinal anaesthesia. For the past decade we have placed the newborn delivered by caesarean section on the mother's breast on the mother's side of the operation drapes separating her upper torso from the operation field. This has always been a positive experience for mothers who relax immensely as soon as they see their baby and are helped to initiate breastfeeding. For the baby, who is in an extremely alert state right after delivery, this is the perfect moment to start nursing. This is an important intervention in a middle income country like Bangladesh where caesarean sections account for 23% of all deliveries (as high as 80% in private hospitals). This presentation will review our experience and that of other centres where newborns are breastfed during caesarean section.

