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The Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale (NBAS) is the most comprehensive examination of newborn behaviour: it assesses behavioral repertoire and neurological status. Used increasingly as a way of promoting a positive relationship between parent and child, the new edition also covers motor behaviour and includes new guidelines for clinicians.

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