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- **Mild Lower Respiratory Tract Infections:**
  - Advise mother when to return.

- **Diarrhoea:**
  - Advise mother when to return.
  - Treat with specific oral rehydration solution (ORS).

- **Malaria:**
  - Advise mother when to return.

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### Section 4: Follow-up and Referral

- **Follow-up:** Advise mother to return for follow-up if no improvement.
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