Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. In what ways do you think feminist theory and/or a feminist lens could be helpful in guiding breast(chest)feeding support provided to families in the NICU? (e.g. policy, education, clinical practices)?

2. How do our political, cultural, social, institutional and gendered understandings of breast(chest)feeding influence decision-making and feeding support interactions between nurses and mothers in the NICU?
3. In what ways do the relationships outside of the nurse-family dynamic (e.g. friends, extended family members, other care providers) influence breast(chest)feeding support interactions and decision-making around infant feeding?

4. Beyond the domain of neonatal intensive care, how might the core tenets of feminism be useful and applicable to improving breast(chest)feeding support provided by nurses, clinicians and others involved in lactation support?