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A 10-month-old boy in Portland, Oregon named Ashaan Carter is still struggling to recover after contracting infant botulism linked to contaminated ByHeart baby formula that was donated through a program intended to help low-income and homeless families. After drinking the formula, he developed severe symptoms including muscle weakness and constipation, was hospitalized twice, and remains on a feeding tube while relearning basic motor and communication skills. [2]

His mother had been breastfeeding but her milk supply was dropping, and a case worker offered the formula, saying it was “closest to breast milk.” Within weeks of consuming the formula, he became critically ill.

The tragic case in Oregon show us the very real consequences of contaminated infant formula. While infant botulism is rare, this outbreak shows how formula can become a vehicle for serious illness. Breastfeeding, or when necessary, donor human milk, provides nutrition with immune protection and avoids the risks associated with formula contamination.

If a mother is having trouble with supply, working with a QUALIFIED lactation professional and healthcare provider *early* can make a big difference in continuing breastfeeding safely and effectively!

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