



Clinical Practice Guideline

Guideline coverage includes NICU KEMH, NICU PMH and NETS WA

Admission: Re-admission of Infants to the Neonatal Unit KEMH

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In general infants are not re-admitted to the unit. The following exceptions apply:

- Any infant who **is < 41+2** weeks corrected gestational age that requires readmission **within the first week after discharge** and does not need to be in an isolation cubicle.
- Any infant with rhesus disease who requires a blood transfusion for a low haemoglobin can be readmitted **up to 16 weeks post discharge**.

All infants readmitted to the Neonatal Unit from home, with a possible infection, may initially need to be nursed in an incubator to isolate them from the other infants until investigations are carried out. They can be allowed out of the incubator for feeds if applicable. The decision to nurse them in an open cot, prior to results of pending investigations, will be made at the discretion of the consultant.

Criteria for Paediatric Review and/or Re-admission to Postnatal Wards (KEMH)

Infants who are referred from home and who are suspected of being septic should **not** be re-admitted to the postnatal wards. Please discuss with the PMH NICU duty consultant who will decide if the infant should go directly to PMH NICU or be referred to PMH emergency department.

The following are the criteria for paediatric review / re-admission to a KEMH postnatal ward:

- Any baby within the first week of discharge from KEMH postnatal ward with:
 - Feeding difficulties.
 - Weight loss of >10% of birth weight.
 - Jaundice.
- Any rhesus isoimmunised baby requiring transfusion for a low haemoglobin level up to 16 weeks of discharge from KEMH.
- Any baby within the first week of discharge that, in the opinion of the VMS midwife requires a non-urgent paediatric review can be referred to KEMH emergency centre. If however if VMS are concerned the infant is unwell or ill, urgent review should be sort at the nearest paediatric emergency centre.

Re-admission of Infants to Ward 6B PMH

Refer to [Admission: Ward 6B PMH](#).



Related policies

[CAHS Admission of Non Elective Patients](#)

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