



## NCCU CLINICAL GUIDELINES

### PREFACE

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## STANDARDS FOR ALL CARES AND PROCEDURES

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1. Medical officers, registered nurses, enrolled nurses and mothercraft nurses are expected to practice and comply within their relevant Competency Standards and Professional Codes.
2. At all times, staff will adhere to standard precautions and work practices with regard to occupational health and safety standards.
3. Compliance with Universal Precautions is required when treating any infant. [See WNHS Infection Control Manual. 2.1 Standard Precautions.](#)
4. Infant identification and procedure matching. Responsibility for ensuring correct infant, correct procedure, investigation, treatment and correct site verification rests with both the individual and with team members. The person in charge of the procedure carries ultimate responsibility for the verification process. An infants' identity and intended procedure (including site for the procedure) must be confirmed **prior** to the procedure.
5. All equipment will have been certified as safety-tested and functional before use. The operator will have been deemed competent in its assembly and correct usage before commencing operation or be under guidance and instruction of a competent practitioner.
6. Documentation upon completion of care should encompass all aspects of the care given and follow NCCU clinical guidelines and WNHS hospital policy guidelines. Documentation must be legible, signed, have designation of practitioner and be dated.