



NCCU CLINICAL GUIDELINES
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TRANSFER AND DISCHARGE

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Car seat/capsule safety
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CAR SEAT / CAPSULE SAFETY

All stable infants requiring road transport between sites or to another hospital are to be escorted by a nurse (seated in the back with the infant). Only the consultant medical officer can approve a parent-only escort. In the interests of safety and OS&H insurance cover, staff are not to escort infants in private vehicles.

Ensure the parents have installed an approved capsule/car seat in the correct manner. Discuss this issue with the parents as soon as discharge becomes imminent. Infants should not go in car seats/capsule before weighing ≥ 1650 grams.

Kidsafe House at Princess Margaret Hospital offers a capsule/car seat fitting/checking/hire service. Appointments need to be made prior to arrival. Kidsafe House pamphlets are available from Health Information Resource Service (HIRS). Tel no. 9340 8509
www.kidssafewa.com.au

NCCU TRANSPORT

Available weekdays from 0830 – 1700hrs. Booked through SCN Discharge Coordinator at KEMH. A nurse escort is required for inter-hospital transfers.

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Available weekdays from 0800 – 1600hrs. Must be booked in advance. A nurse escort is required.

TAXI/TRAIN/BUS

Taxis with baby capsules must be used.

Taxi vouchers may be available from the Area Manager/CNC/Discharge Coordinator/SW.

ESCORT BY THE PARENT

An infant being transported to another hospital by his/her parents must meet the following criteria:

- The consultant medical officer approves the parents transporting the infant without a nurse escort.
- Parent/s willing to transport the infant without a nurse escort
- An approved safety restraint is to be used
- The infant does not require continuous oxygen saturation and/or cardio-respiratory monitoring (unless the infant is being discharged / transferred with a home monitor and parents have been instructed in its use and infant CPR).
- The infant's temperature has been maintained within normal limits in an open cot for >24 hours
- Infants should not be transported on a full stomach. Feeds should be arranged so that the infant is fed 1-2 hours prior to transport.