



**NCCU CLINICAL GUIDELINES**  
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## **ROAD TRANSPORT OF NEONATES TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL**

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### **(FOR NETS RETRIEVALS - PLEASE REFER TO NETS GUIDELINES)**

All infants that are transported from the NICU will be transported in a manner that meets the infant's safety and monitoring requirements.

1. Wherever possible, parents are to be informed of the infant's temporary movement to another hospital department (eg. for further investigations) *before* the event.
2. The decision to permanently transfer an infant from the NCCU to another hospital is to be made in consultation with the infant's parents.
3. The consultant's assessment of the infant's clinical status will determine the need for nursing and/or medical escort.
4. It is a legal requirement that all infants transported by road are to be restrained in a properly adjusted and securely fastened infant safety restraint. However, traffic laws allow infants to travel unrestrained in taxis; a person can therefore sit in the rear seat of a taxi holding an infant. This is not an ideal situation; taxi companies throughout the Perth metropolitan area and in many country centres are able to provide infant safety restraints and these are to be used wherever possible.
5. Infants transported by road are to have an adult escort (other than the driver) available to attend to the infant.