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TRANSPORT OF NEONATES WITHIN THE NURSERY AND WITHIN THE HOSPITAL

All infants that are transported **within** the nursery or **within** the hospital 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 movement between, nursery areas or to other hospital departments *before* the event.
2. All infants are to be transported in an open cot, incubator or pram with appropriate clothing and covers.
3. Infants that require continuous monitoring are to be transported with portable monitoring in situ for the duration of the transport.
4. Infants that require mechanical ventilation during transport (where it is not practical to use a ventilator) are to receive T-piece ventilation (Neopuff) or hand bagging at a rate similar to the ventilator for the duration of the transport.
5. Infants that require continuous CPAP are to receive CPAP (connected to a C size oxygen and air cylinders) set at the same flow rate and FiO₂ as their fixed CPAP for the duration of the transport. Infants receiving intermittent CPAP will ideally be transported at the beginning of a planned break from CPAP.