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THERMAL CONTROL OF VERY PRETERM INFANTS AFTER DELIVERY

This protocol is for the management of infants less than 30 weeks in LBS and Theatre.

EQUIPMENT

- Plastic wrap
- Radiant warmer
- Warmed blankets

PROCEDURE

- After delivery the infant is received into warm wraps . ,
- Transfer the infant to the radiant warmer as per normal practice.
- The infant is placed (without drying) into the plastic , the head is not covered however this will need to be dried
- If access to the umbilicus is required, the plastic wrap may be opened for procedures
- Once in the NICU the infant can remain in the plastic and be weighed. Leave the infant wrapped in the plastic prior to performing procedures to ensure that the infant remains warm. It is recommended that the plastic wrap remains insitu whilst admission procedures are performed.