



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Guideline coverage includes NICU KEMH, NICU PMH and NETS WA

Pastoral Care Referral

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Clinical staff in the NICU at KEMH and PMH are to ensure referrals to Pastoral Care Services occur in the following circumstances:

- All babies admitted at 23 weeks gestation
- All babies with early prediction of poor outcomes
- All baby deaths
- All urgent referral to Pastoral Care Services will be attended to immediately.
- All non-urgent referrals will be attended to on the same day.
- The chaplain will assess the family’s response to what is occurring including significant religious or spiritual orientation or meanings that may be relevant or confronting thin in the circumstance; their understanding of what is occurring and what responses or resources may be relevant.
- Following each initial assessment visit the chaplain will document in the medical record, determine what follow-up is required, complete clinical handover form (if required) and inform the relevant Social Worker of the visit and outcome.

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