



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Guideline coverage includes NICU KEMH, NICU PCH and NETS WA

Standards of Care: For all Care and Procedures

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1. Medical officers, registered nurses, enrolled nurses and mothercraft nurses are expected to practice and comply within their relevant Competency Standards and Professional Codes.
2. At all times, staff will adhere to standard precautions and work practices with regard to occupational health and safety standards.
3. Compliance with Standard Precautions is required when treating any infant. Refer to WNHS Infection Prevention and Control Policy Manual - [Standard Precautions](#).
4. Infant identification and procedure matching. Responsibility for ensuring correct infant, correct procedure, investigation, treatment and correct site verification rests with both the individual and with team members. The person in charge of the procedure carries ultimate responsibility for the verification process. An infants' identity and intended procedure (including site for the procedure) must be confirmed **prior** to the procedure.
5. All equipment will have been certified as safety-tested and functional before use. The operator will have been deemed competent in its assembly and correct usage before commencing operation or be under guidance and instruction of a competent practitioner.
6. Documentation upon completion of care should encompass all aspects of the care given and follow the neonatal clinical guidelines and WNHS hospital policy guidelines. Documentation must be legible, signed, have designation of practitioner and be dated.

Related policies

DoH: MP0031/16 [Code of Conduct](#)

[National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards](#)

CAHS: [Credentialing and recredentialing of medical practitioners](#)

CAHS: [Supporting Employee Performance](#)

CAHS: [Mandatory and Core Requirement Training](#)

CAHS: [Speaking Up for Safety & Professional Accountability](#)

Related WNHS policies, procedures and guidelines

WNHS: [Identified Knowledge, Skills or Competency Deficits \(Including RANZCOG Trainees in Difficulty\) Management](#)

WNHS: [Mandatory Training](#)

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