

Nurse Led Unplanned (acute) Transfers

Nurse led transfer criteria

1. Stable Special care babies
2. Baby must be greater than 28 weeks gestation
3. 28 – 32 week gestation must be greater than 48 hours old
4. 32+ must be greater than 24 hours old
5. Babies who have not been intubated in the last 24 hours
6. No respiratory compromise, no significant bradycardia or desaturation, stable blood gases
7. No more than 30% ambient O₂ or 0.3l/min nasal cannula O₂, without significant bradycardia or desaturation and with no increase in oxygen or flow over previous 24 hours

Use the high dependency transport form to document the necessary information.

On arrival at the referring unit if the baby's condition is not as previously described or has deteriorated the transport nurse is to contact the transport consultant or registrar for further advice and instructions.

A nurse led transfer **should not** be completed for any babies who are;

1. Intensive care babies/High dependency(BAPM)
2. Less than 28weeks gestation and less than 24 hours old
3. Receiving any form of respiratory support i.e. Guedall airway, CPAP, SIMV, tracheostomy
4. Requiring greater than 30% ambient oxygen
5. Any evidence of respiratory distress
6. With apnoea/bradycardia requiring stimulation/resuscitation with IPPV in the preceding 24 hours
7. With arterial/venous catheters or chest drains in situ
8. Receiving inotrope infusions
9. Surgical referral for ? intestinal obstruction resulting in significant abdominal distension
10. Pre-operative diagnosis of diaphragmatic hernia/tracheo-oesophageal fistula and complex surgical problems
11. Complex cardiac problems or those that require medication to maintain duct dependant lesions i.e. Prostin
12. Neurological problems that require constant monitoring and treatment to maintain stability

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