

MNCYN Regional Paediatric Program

Suggested List of Paediatric Policies, Guidelines, Standards of Nursing Care

Please note this is not an exhaustive list, but is intended as a suggested list only. Some of the suggested topics might not apply to the care provided in a specific hospital. Organizations are encouraged to determine which of these suggested topics they would include as either a policy, a guideline or a standard of nursing care.

Monitoring

1. Basic Cardiac Monitoring (i.e.) when to initiate & discontinue CR monitor
2. Oximetry Monitoring (i.e.) when to initiate oximetry, moving sat probe, discontinue use
3. Abnormal Vital Signs (i.e.) when to notify MRP (i.e.) PEWS protocols
4. Frequency of Vital Signs
5. Blood Pressure Measurement
6. Temperature Measurement

Respiratory

7. Non-Invasive Ventilation (i.e.) siPAP, High-Flow Nasal Cannula, Low-Flow Nasal Cannula
8. Oxygen Administration (i.e.) initiation, monitoring, discontinuing use
9. Asthma Protocols

Medication Administration

10. TPN Administration
11. Standard Medications Dosing by Weight
12. Medication Administration (i.e.) PO, IM, IV, IN, etc.
13. Management of High-Alert Medications
14. Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs
15. Procedural Sedation in Non-Operating Room Settings (recovery from sedation)
16. Blood Product Transfusions (i.e.) IVIG, Albumin, PRBC, etc.
17. Standard Concentrations for Infusions
18. Infusion Pumps
19. Infusion Pump Competencies

Venipuncture, Central Lines, Intravenous Therapy

20. Venipuncture (i.e.) bloodwork
21. Intravenous Therapy (i.e.) insertion, saline locks, monitoring & care
22. Intravenous Fluid Administration
23. Central Line Care (i.e.) flushing, blood sampling, dressing changes, etc.

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24. Seizure Management
25. Diabetic Ketoacidosis Management
26. Paediatric Glucose Monitoring & Hypoglycemia Management
27. Sepsis Guidelines
28. Paediatric Pain Management
29. Paediatric Mental Health
30. Paediatric Visitor Policy
31. Paediatric Post-Operative Care (i.e.) post tonsillectomy bleed
32. Blood Specimen Collection – Cultures, Capillary & Venipuncture
33. Lumbar Punctures
34. Nasopharyngeal Suctioning
35. Urinary Catheterization (i.e.) intermittent, indwelling, urinary sampling
36. Bowel Protocol for Severe Constipation
37. Rehydration Protocols (i.e.) oral rehydration, IV rehydration

Infant Care (for babies who may be on paed unit)

38. Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia & Prevention of Kernicterus
39. Neonatal Thermoregulation
40. Phototherapy
41. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

Feeding

42. Breastfeeding Guidelines (i.e.) shared breastmilk, donor milk feeding
43. Fortification of Expressed Breast Milk
44. Registered Dietitian Referral
45. Enteral Feeding Guidelines
46. TPN Guidelines
47. Nasogastric Tube Insertion for Feeding
48. Gastric Tube Feeding – Continuous & Intermittent

General

49. Bed Management for Critically Ill Children
50. Broselow Arrest Cart Review (i.e.) when is it reviewed, how often, by who?
51. Falls Prevention
52. Paediatric Transfer
53. NPO Guidelines

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54. Latex Policy
55. Infection Prevention & Control
56. Child Protection Issues (CAS) (i.e.) Apprehensions, when to call CAS, etc.
57. Uses of Restraints (i.e.) Physical/Chemical
58. Safe Use of Abbreviations
59. Code Pink Protocols
60. Family-Centred Care / Family-Integrated Care
61. Disaster Plan (specific to paed)
62. Paediatric Death
63. Paediatric Transport
64. Interpreter Services