

Title: Transferring infants to the postnatal ward

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1. Purpose of procedure:

Guidelines for transferring infants to the postnatal ward

2. Guidelines:

Infants within the following categories will be accepted by postnatal ward E2:

1. Phototherapy
2. Antibiotic therapy
3. Blood sugars stable, but may require initial blood sugar monitoring prior to breast feeds for up to 24 hours.
4. Establishing full breast/bottle feeding.

In general medically stable infants, who are able to feed independently of tube feeds, are transferred to the postnatal ward following the initial admission to NICU. This is to be discussed with clinical midwifery manager. Please contact ward coordinator on ext. 23733 to negotiate transfer to ward.