



NCCU CLINICAL GUIDELINES

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These Guidelines provide a comprehensive collection of recommendations, protocols and procedures to guide the practice of both medical and nursing personnel within the Neonatology Clinical Care Unit (NCCU) of the King Edward Memorial Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital of Western Australia. They have been designed with regard to reducing inappropriate variation in practice and promotion of appropriate care for specific clinical circumstances.

Neonatal care involves a wide range of interventions and draws on a diverse evidence base. It is imperative that our clinical staff possess the knowledge and skills to identify specific requirements, rationale and potential complications of each procedure before commencing any care.

AIMS OF OUR GUIDELINES

1. To provide direction for the management of many common, and some uncommon, conditions encountered in the newborn period.
2. To promote and achieve an optimum standard of Neonatal Care throughout the state of Western Australia.
3. To reduce variation and hence confusion in practice.
4. To provide a forum for ongoing review, development and improvement in neonatal care.
5. To provide holistic patient centred care.