



TRANSFER FROM NICU AND DISCHARGE PLANNING

NEUROIMAGING FOR THE PRETERM INFANT

USS:

Infants born at < 33/52 gestation and/or <1501 grams have routine cranial ultrasound scans at:


- Day 1
- Day 7
- Day 28.
- A further head scan may be required prior to discharge for extremely preterm infants

MRI:

An MRI should be performed at term equivalent (>38 weeks) for all babies born at <28 weeks with parental consent.

If discharge or transfer planned before all head scans have been performed then:

- Discuss with consultant whether to bring to scan forward, or
- Metropolitan and country infants are to have an outpatient appointment made to coincide with follow-up and/or other appointments.
- Ideally MRI scans should be performed as inpatients.
- Ensure any scans that have been carried out are reviewed prior to discharge or transfer.
- Ensure parents are aware of all results/appointments.

National Standards	
	
Legislation - Nil	
Related Policies -Nil	
Other related documents-Nil	
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