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Purpose To insure competence and proficiency in both the utilization of equipment and the technique of performing intubations.

Scope The policy applies to all department personnel functioning as therapists in the ISCU.

Policy Statement Authorized staff members may perform intubations under the following circumstances:

- During transport of infants to/from UTMB
- An intubated infant extubates and requires immediate reintubation
- An infant at the resuscitation stand requires intubation and the resident requests the therapist to do so.

Authorization Procedures

Step	Action
1	Satisfactory completion of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program with consistent staffing in the ISCU for at least 6 months.
2	Direct observation of intubation attempt by a physician, nurse practitioner, transport nurse, or the ISCU Clinical Educator.