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## Authorization for Surfactant Therapy Administration in the Infant Special Care Unit

**Purpose** To standardize the utilization of equipment and technique of Surfactant Administration in neonatal areas. To ensure that patient care personnel of the Respiratory Care Services Staff are knowledgeable and proficient in the utilization of equipment and technique of Surfactant Administration in the neonatal area.

**Scope** **Accountability/Training**  
 The policy applies to all Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners employed by the Respiratory Care Services and trained in ISCU who have demonstrated proficiency in delivery of Surfactant.

**Policy** Authorized staff members will begin performing Surfactant Therapy Administration under the following conditions:

- The staff member has been in-serviced on the procedure and has shown proficiency under direct supervision.

### Authorization Procedures

Step	Action
1	Administration of three successful surfactant treatments as observed by a Clinical Educator, Supervisor, Transport Nurse, or Physician.