In-House Infant Transport

**Purpose**
To assure proper and safe movement of infants requiring transport within the hospital.

**Audience**
Respiratory Care Services employee's staffing in the pediatric areas with understanding of age specific requirements of patients.

**Policy**
All infants less than 28 days old and those requiring temperature support from an isolette or radiant warmer must be transported in a specially designed transport isolette.

- All infants receiving mechanical ventilation need to be transported in a transport isolette with ventilation provided by the transport ventilator or manual resuscitation bag.
- All infants less than 34 weeks requiring NCPAP should be transported in a transport isolette with blended air/oxygen to avoid exposure to high concentrations of oxygen.
- A transport cardiac monitor must be used to monitor all infants.
- A respiratory therapist must accompany all infants receiving mechanical ventilation or Nasal SiPAP and those that require cardiac monitoring.
- The transport isolette must always be stocked with appropriate resuscitation equipment (Resuscitation Box). See attached list.
- No infant will be moved in a transport isolette that is malfunctioning or improperly warmed.
- Blankets should be placed inside the isolette and warmed so that these can be wrapped around the patient to maintain an adequate temperature.
- The transport isolette must be cleaned and restocked including a full cylinder of oxygen (if <1000 psi) after each transport.
- Document transport on RCS treatment card and medical record per RCS Policies # 7.1.1 and # 7.1.2.
## References

AARC Clinical Practice Guidelines; *Transport of the Mechanically Ventilated Patient*, Respiratory Care; 1993; 38:1169-1172


