Neonatal Transport Algorithm

LEVEL I NURSERY

Infant less than 35 weeks gestation — Y

N

Requires supplemental oxygen and/or respiratory support — Y

N

Failed Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease Screen — Y

N

Possible Sepsis or Chorioamnionits — Y

N
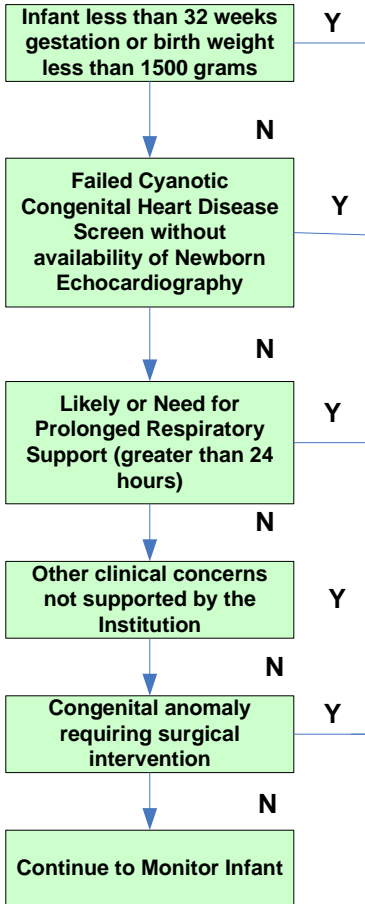
Other clinical concerns not supported by the Institution — Y

N

Continue to Monitor Infant
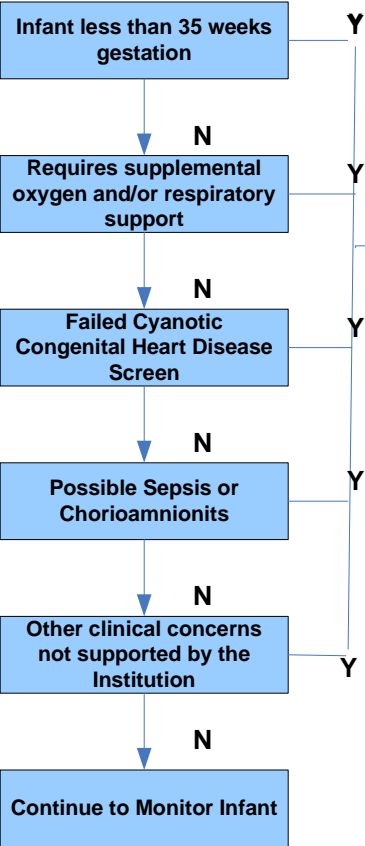
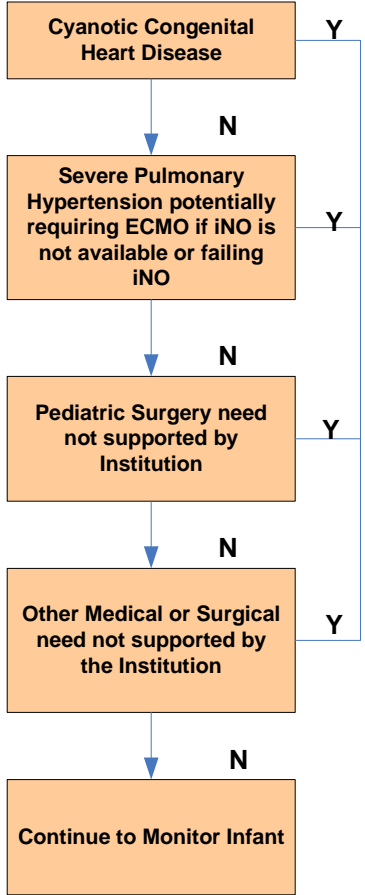**Prepare infant for transfer to Level 3 or4 Institution**

Medical Control of receiving institution may direct risk appropriate patients to a Level 2 nursery if it is unlikely the patient will require Level 3 or 4 care before discharge

LEVEL II NURSERY

Infant less than 32 weeks gestation or birth weight less than 1500 grams — Y

N

Failed Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease Screen without availability of Newborn Echocardiography — Y

N

Likely or Need for Prolonged Respiratory Support (greater than 24 hours) — Y

N

Other clinical concerns not supported by the Institution — Y

N

Congenital anomaly requiring surgical intervention — Y

N

Continue to Monitor Infant

Prepare infant for transfer to Level III or Level IV Institution

LEVEL III NURSERY

Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease — Y

N

Severe Pulmonary Hypertension potentially requiring ECMO if iNO is not available or failing iNO — Y

N

Pediatric Surgery need not supported by Institution — Y

N

Other Medical or Surgical need not supported by the Institution — Y

N

Continue to Monitor Infant

Prepare transfer to Level IV Institution

This algorithm is provided as guidance only. Any neonatal transfer must include consultation with a neonatalogist

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