



CLINICAL GUIDELINE

Falls: Care of a newborn following a drop/fall

Scope (Staff):	Nursing and Medical Staff
Scope (Area):	NICU KEMH, NICU PCH, NETS WA

This document should be read in conjunction with this [DISCLAIMER](#)

Parent and health carer education is paramount in reducing or eliminating the risk of a baby being dropped or falling from a raised surface.


In the event that a newborn at KEMH or NICU PCH has fallen from a raised surface or been dropped, the following minimum care is to be instigated.

- Immediate assessment from a medical officer
 - Full physical assessment
 - +/- skeletal x-ray (from physical assessment findings)
 - +/- head ultrasound (from physical assessment findings)
 - Neurological assessment using Neonatal Neurological Observation Form.
- Full set of vital signs

Documentation

- Assessment and findings to be documented in medical record notes.
- Investigation of cause of fall/drop to be documented in medical notes. Consider social assessment if deemed appropriate.
- Datix CIMS is to be completed and submitted.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

File Path:			
Document Owner:	Neonatology		
Reviewer / Team:	Neonatal Coordinating Group		
Date First Issued:	May 2018	Last Reviewed:	22 nd May 2018
Amendment Dates:		Next Review Date:	22 nd May 2021
Approved by:	Neonatal Coordinating Group	Date:	22 nd May 2018
Endorsed by:	Neonatal Coordinating Group	Date:	
Standards Applicable:	NSQHS Standards: 		
Printed or personally saved electronic copies of this document are considered uncontrolled			