



GUIDELINE

Standards of Care: For all Care and Procedures

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

Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment

CAHS commits to being a child safe organisation by applying the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. This is a commitment to a strong culture supported by robust policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people.

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

1. Medical officers, registered nurses, enrolled nurses and mothercraft nurses are expected to practice and comply within their relevant Competency Standards and Professional Codes.
2. At all times, staff will adhere to standard precautions and work practices with regard to occupational health and safety standards.
3. Compliance with Standard Precautions is required when treating any infant. Refer to CAHS Infection Prevention and Control Policy Manual - [Standard and Transmission Based Precautions](#).
4. Infant identification and procedure matching. Responsibility for ensuring correct infant, correct procedure, investigation, treatment and correct site verification rests with both the individual and with team members. The person in charge of the procedure carries ultimate responsibility for the verification process. An infants' identity and intended procedure (including site for the procedure) must be confirmed **prior** to the procedure.
5. All equipment will have been certified as safety-tested and functional before use. The operator will have been deemed competent in its assembly and correct usage before commencing operation or be under guidance and instruction of a competent practitioner.
6. Documentation upon completion of care should encompass all aspects of the care given and follow the neonatal clinical guidelines and CAHS/WNHS hospital policy guidelines. Documentation must be legible, signed, have designation of practitioner and be dated.

Related CAHS internal policies, procedures and guidelines (if required)

CAHS Policy


- [Abbreviations for Clinical Documentation](#)
- [Safety Skills Training](#) (Mandatory and Core Requirement Training Framework)
- [Speaking Up for Safety & Professional Accountability](#)
- [Supporting Employee Performance](#)

References and related external legislation, policies, and guidelines

[DoH: Clinical Governance Framework](#)

[National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards](#)

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