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PURPOSE:


To discuss the steps to be taken in order to ensure the safety of newborns in the NICU.

SCOPE:

Applies to all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit personnel of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital.


PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Midwives, Attendants and Mothers

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PROCEDURE:

1. NICU Staffs orients the mother/ immediate family about the safety protocol and security measures prior to admission of the neonate in the unit.
2. Upon admission, the staff shall provide an anklet to the baby for double identification with the same information in the wristlet provided by the delivery room personnel.
3. Visitors, family members, physicians, nurse and other personnel removes all jewelries and watches and rolls up their long sleeves above the elbows. They are also required to wash their hands before entering the unit.
4. Other Infection Prevention and Control practices are to be followed before having direct contact with the neonates.
5. Nurses/ Doctors who interacts with the neonates are to clean, disinfect, or sterilize all instruments used before using them on the next patient.
6. The Humpty Dumpty Falls Scale is utilized as a guide in assessing the patient's risk for falls. All incidence of fall is reported to the Nursing Service Division office and Total Quality Division.
7. All unused linen left in the neonate's bed upon discharge are discarded.
8. All NICU staff follows the process for "Claiming of the Baby During Discharge" to avoid incidence of abduction and handling of baby to the wrong family.

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