

VENTILATED PATIENT TRANSFER CHECKLIST

It can be challenging caring for a critically ill child whilst waiting for the NECTAR team to arrive with more interventions possibly needed once the team arrive. However there are things you can do to make the handover of the child to the NECTAR team both smooth and time effective.

AIRWAY

- ETT correct size and length
Uncuffed ETT
Internal Diameter (mm): Age/4 + 4
Length (cm): Oral - Age/2 + 12
Nasal - Age/2 + 15
- ETT secured with 'pink' Elastoplast
- DO NOT USE pre-cut ETT TUBES**
- Add appropriate HME filter for patient size
- NG/OG Tube on free drainage

BREATHING

- Position of ETT and NGT confirmed on X-ray (tip at T2 on CXR ideal for transfer)
- Attach ETCO₂ monitoring
- Ensure adequate ventilation
 - Adequate PEEP (4-6cm)
 - Regular blood gases

CIRCULATION

- Minimum 2 points of IV access for transfer
 - discuss inotrope options with NECTAR Consultant
 - gain IO access until central venous access can be obtained
- Regular BP monitoring
- Arterial line sited if on inotropes
- Adequately fluid resuscitated with appropriate IV maintenance fluids running
- Monitor urine output and consider inserting a urinary catheter

DISABILITY AND EXPOSURE

- Adequate sedation and muscle relaxants
 - see NECTAR Infusions Guide
 - all infusions and fluids in 50ml syringes
- GCS recorded – with regular pupillary monitoring
- C-Spine Protection (if necessary)
- Regular/core temperature monitoring
- Maintain normal blood glucose

DOCUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- Be prepared to verbally handover patient to the NECTAR team
- Have any X-rays available for review/transfer images electronically
- Transfer letter with photocopy of relevant notes, results, drugs charts, anaesthetic charts etc.
- Document and highlight any Safeguarding issues to the NECTAR team
- Keep parents up to date (at least one parent can travel with NECTAR)
- Telephone NECTAR team if there are any changes in the patient's condition or you are concerned that the patient is deteriorating

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE NECTAR TEAM

- Call you when we leave base and give an ETA
- Upon arrival we will introduce ourselves, take handover and update parents
- Review the patient and all notes/documentation
- Ensure ETT and IV access is secure, accessible and transfer infusions over to our syringe drivers
- Transfer patient onto the transport ventilator and make sure they are suitable for transfer

IF AT ANY POINT YOU WANT FURTHER ADVICE CALL NECTAR ON 01912826699