

Guideline Overview
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Overview

- Guidelines are intended to be guides, not strict rules. They should apply to most patients most of the time, but will not address all issues. They should be followed or modified according to individual patient needs.
- Guidelines are designed to provide a framework for consistent management in different NICUs by different practitioners. The implementation of individual Guidelines may be slightly different in different NICUs, depending on resources and patient populations.
- Guidelines need to be as simple as possible (but no simpler).
- It is the responsibility of NICU leadership to determine where/how Guidelines will be archived at each institution.
- These Guidelines are “living documents”. We will audit compliance with them in order to determine what can be improved, and incorporate those improvements into subsequent versions.
- For the sake of consistency and version control, we will use the EBNS website as the common site for storing the latest versions of these Guidelines.