NORTH COAST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS Personnel

Neonatal Resuscitation

Associated Policies:

I. Priorities

- A. Assessment, including vital signs.
- B. APGAR rating.
- C. All neonates need to be gently suctioned (mouth first, then nose), dried and kept warm.
- D. Neonates in full arrest and neonates not initially responding to treatment should be transported without delay Code 3.
- E. Begin CPR, if heart rate < 80/min., apneic, cyanotic, or APGAR 6 or less.

VITAL SIGNS - normal ranges			
heart rate	respiratory rate		
120-190	approx. 40		

II. APGAR SCORE:

A. Check APGAR at one (1) minute, five (5) minutes and every five (5) minutes thereafter.

APGAR CHART			
SCORE	0	1	2
Appearance	Blue-Pale	Body pink, Limbs Blue	Pink All Over
Pulse	0	<100	>100
Grimace	No Response	Grimace	Cough, Cry, Sneeze
Activity	Flaccid	Some Flexion	Active Movement
Respiratory Effort	Absent	Slow, Irregular	Strongly Crying

1. APGAR 7-10:

- a. Suction with bulb syringe.
- b. Keep dry and warm (skin to skin with mother and blanket).
- c. Transport.
- d. Contact base hospital.

2. APGAR 4-6:

- a. Consider endotracheal suctioning and intubation.
- b. Suction with bulb syringe.
- c. Ventilate 40-60 breaths/minute with 100% Oxygen.
- d. Monitor (begin cardiac compression, if heart rate < 80).
- e. Keep dry and warm.
- f. Transport.
- g. Contact base hospital.

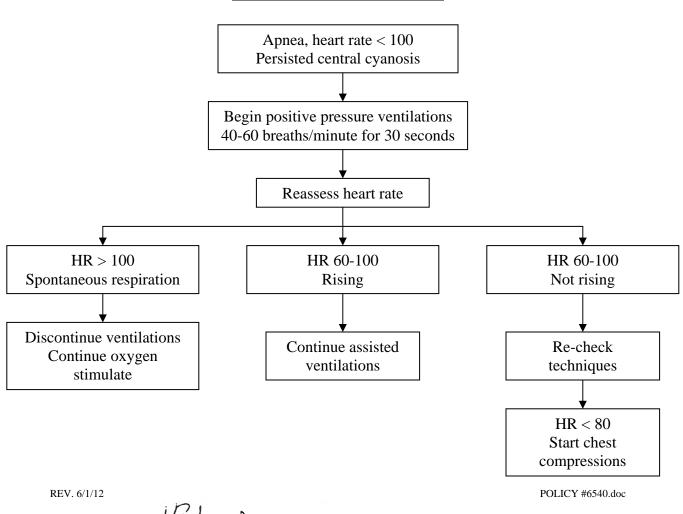
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3. APGAR 0-3:

- a. Consider immediate endotracheal intubation and suctioning.
- b. Support ventilation 40 breaths/minute with 100% Oxygen, or bag and mask endotracheal intubation, if bagging is inadequate (or not yet done).
- c. Begin cardiac compressions at 100/minute.
- d. Keep dry and warm.
- e. Code 3 transport.
- f. Contact base hospital.

RESUSCITATION SUMMARY



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