



Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care Levels of Care Self-Assessment Initiative

Level I Neonatal Services

		GPC ref*	My facility
Level I neonatal services	Admit and care for infants ≥ 35 weeks gestation	13-14	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
A. Administration	Perinatal care programs at hospitals providing basic care should be coordinated jointly by the chiefs of the obstetric, pediatric, nursing, and midwifery services. Coordinators of perinatal care are responsible for developing policy, maintaining appropriate guidelines, and collaborating and consulting with professional staff of hospitals that provide specialty and subspecialty care in the region.	23	
1. Medical	Board certified/eligible pediatrician or family practitioner	23	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Nursing	Registered nurse	30	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
B. Staffing			
1. Neonatal care			
a. Family practitioner		11	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Neonatologist			Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Pediatrician		11	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Nurse practitioner		11	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other advanced practice registered nurse		11	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other (please specify) _____			Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Nursing	Demonstrated knowledge and competence in the nursing care of ...newborns...during the postpartum and neonatal periods is suggested	30	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
a. See Appendix I for recommended staffing			
C. Services			
1. Neonatal components			
a. Neonatal resuscitation capability at every delivery per NRP guidelines	At least one person whose primary responsibility is for the newborn and who is capable of initiating neonatal resuscitation should be present at every delivery. Either that person or someone else who is <u>immediately</u> available should have the skills required to perform endotracheal intubation and administer medications.	11, 13-14, 23-24	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Evaluate and provide postnatal care to stable term newborn infants		14	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Stabilize and provide care for infants born at or beyond 35 weeks gestation who remain physiologically stable		14	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Stabilize newborn infants who are ill and those born at < 35 weeks gestation until transfer to a higher level of care		14	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Support			
a. Blood typing, cross matching, and availability	On a 24 hour basis.	34	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Clinical laboratory services	Minimal services should include hematocrit, glucose, bilirubin, state	295-301	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

	newborn screen.		
c. Respiratory support	Available for emergency stabilization (24 hours/day)	267	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Infection control		34	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Parent education program		310	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Radiology technicians	Available on a 24 hour basis	34	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
D. Education			
1. In-service sessions covering diagnosis and management of perinatal emergencies, as well as the management of routine problems and family-centered care		35	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Regular multi-disciplinary conferences at which patient care problems are presented and discussed		35	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
E. Quality assurance			
1. Data collection, storage, and retrieval		10, 66	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Initiation of quality improvement programs		10, 66	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Coordinated quality improvement programs with receiving facilities	Strongly recommended		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
F. Policies, procedures, and protocols			
1. Formal transport plans with receiving hospitals		79	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Criteria for consults for higher level of care			Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Criteria for practice credentials for attending physicians		22	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Criteria for practice of allied health professionals (e.g., nurse practitioners)		22	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Method of risk identification and assessment for consult/transport		79	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disaster preparedness and evacuation plan		54	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Discharge planning		306	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Early discharge		306	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Family-centered and culturally sensitive care		2	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Infant abduction policy		305	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Initial evaluation of newborn by physician		281	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Newborn security system		305	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Ongoing care of newborn	Including late preterm care recommendations.	16	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Policies and procedures to ensure the readiness of neonatal resuscitation equipment and personnel	(also to provide periodic review and evaluation of the effectiveness of the system)	267	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Prioritized list of known or anticipated maternal and fetal complications requiring routine, urgent, and emergency delivery room presence of individual(s) qualified in all aspects of newborn resuscitation		267	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Sibling visitation policy		304	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Stabilization (transitional care) of newborn		283	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

*GPC ref. American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Obstetricians of Gynecologists. (2012). *Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 7th Edition*.

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