



NEONATAL PALLIATIVE CARE PLAN

Name: _____ I.P. Number: _____

To be used for a neonate with a poor/guarded prognosis where clarification is necessary for management options on current & future care.

Special care plan steps

Date	Time	Step	Sign
		1. Review condition, considering all therapeutic options and potential outcomes	
		2. Discuss options, outcomes and appropriate goals with caregiver	
		3. Devise the best possible care plan, with caregiver	
		4. Provide bereavement counseling and support	
		5. Record participants in devising the care plan (below)	
		6. Record special care plan (overleaf)	

Reason for special care plan

✓	Reason	Key determinant	Underlying illness	Comment
	Brain death			
	No hope			
	No purpose			
	No cure			
	Further treatment unbearable			
	Resources			
	Other			

Special care plan participants

	Name	Contact detail
Family member/Caregiver		
Family member/Caregiver		
Doctor		
Doctor		
Nurse		
Nurse		
Social worker		
Other (specify)		

Details of discussion with team and family/caregiver:

Current Condition	
Prognosis	
Possible Management	
Goals	

Family questions/concerns					
Other					
Pastoral/Spiritual support offered			Family (and sibling) support & visits facilitated		
Referred to Psychologist			Referred to Social worker		
Photographs offered					

Special care plan orders:						
	Initiated:		Reviewed:		Reviewed:	
Date & Time						
Authorized by:	Print	Sign	Print	Sign	Print	Sign
Doctor 1						
Doctor 2						
Registered nurse						
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	Y/N	Reason	Y/N	Reason	Y/N	Reason
Stimulation						
Airway management						
Bag-valve-mask						
Nasal CPAP						
Ventilation						
Cardiac massage						
Drugs/cardio version						
Further care	Y/N	Reason	Y/N	Reason	Y/N	Reason
Incubator						
ICU admission						
Oxygen						
IV fluids						
TPN						
Feeds						
Inotropic support						
Blood products						
Antibiotics						
Blood tests						
Pain control/comfort						

Special care plan RESCINDED				
Reason				
Rescinded by	Print name	Sign	Date	Time
Doctor 1				
Doctor 2				
Registered nurse				