

Guidelines for Referring Hospital

Initial referral to P.I.C.U consultant

Details required:

✓	Patient name	✓	D.O.B
✓	Hospital number	✓	Patient diagnosis and history of presenting complaint
✓	Patient weight	✓	Present condition and current management
✓	Investigations	✓	Allergies, Immunisation status, Infectious contact / Isolation required
✓	Referring Consultant name and contact number	✓	Referring Hospital name and Department

Patient preparation:

✓	Patient notes copied	✓	X-rays / scans
✓	Recent blood results including glucose	✓	Patient Vital signs + core temp
✓	Preferably at least two patent IVs	✓	Nasogastric tube on free drainage. (All infants with moderate to severe respiratory distress should have a gastric tube inserted)
✓	Nil by Mouth - IV Fluids with Glucose	✓	Maternal blood for neonates
✓	Intubated and ventilated - Ventilator settings - Arterial Blood gas result, (if available) - CXR – Check ETT position - ETT size and position at lip / nares	✓	Pneumothoraces will require a chest drain prior to transport
✓	Blood products available especially patients with sepsis, DIC, trauma	✓	Inotropes drawn up if needed, preferably as per PICU infusion protocols
✓	Arterial line, if able	✓	Central venous access, if able
✓	Consider IO if unable to obtain adequate access	✓	Nebuliser and Adrenaline 1:1000 drawn up for patients with stridor
✓	Parents travelling - Medically cleared to fly - Accommodation organised - Ready to depart with PICU team		