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POLICY FOR EMERGENCY PAEDIATRIC REFERRALS

This Circular supersedes Circular No 97/56.

The attached Policy is intended for display in emergency departments and paediatric wards. It details the appropriate communication path for facilitation of emergency paediatric referrals.

The Policy provides guidelines which will simplify access to tertiary paediatric hospitals and specialist intensive care centres. The policy will assist in facilitating appropriate clinical decisions regarding transfer requests and ensure consultant advice is available for complex or difficult problems.

The Policy was prepared by the Neonatal and Paediatric Emergency Transport Service (NETS), in consultation with the Perinatal Services Network, intensive care units, high risk obstetric services and the Ambulance Service of NSW.

Colour, laminated copies of the chart are available from NETS.

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