



Moving Closer to Home

As your baby grows and improves, the doctors and nurses caring for your baby will plan moving him or her to a hospital closer to home. This step in the process may have been discussed with you some time ago as being an important milestone in your journey toward going home.

The hospital to which your baby will be moved may be known to you already; if for instance you were transferred from there before or after your baby's birth. It may be a different hospital with special neonatal care facilities that your original hospital may not have.

In any case, you can expect the journey to be safe and that your baby's care will continue in the next hospital at the required level.

While things may be done differently in this new environment your baby will continue to receive appropriate care until discharge home.

Please do not hesitate to ask the NETS Nurse to explain any part of the process which you're not sure of. We're here to help!

Contact Information

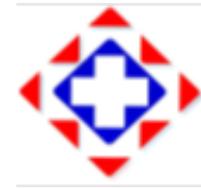
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NETS Return Transport Service — Established 2013

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About Us

The Return Transport Service has been established to transfer babies who are admitted in a NSW public hospital from a specialist facility to a unit in another hospital for continued care. The service aims to transport recovering babies back to a health care facility (public or private) closer to their home. The Return Transport Service provides a safe method of transporting recovering babies, and in some cases babies requiring palliative care, with a qualified nurse using specialist equipment in a designated ambulance.

Safety of Your Baby

All equipment used has been specifically built to transfer your baby safely and securely. The cribs and capsules used in transports are attached to a purpose built stretcher. Your baby is secured in a harness to ensure minimal movement whilst in transit.

Care of Your Baby during Transport

A qualified and experienced neonatal nurse employed by NETS (NSW) will accompany your baby. The ambulance is driven by an experienced driver employed by NETS (NSW). Your baby will be monitored continuously throughout the transport. If your baby requires oxygen therapy or intravenous fluids, these will be

continued during transport. We are able to take a small amount (48 hours) of EBM in an appropriate container. The referring hospital staff will discuss with you arrangements for any remaining EBM.

Transfers via Air Ambulance

Some babies from rural areas will be transported via Air Ambulance. NETS Return Transport Service will transfer your baby to the Air Ambulance base at Mascot. A Flight Nurse will then provide care on the flight.

Travelling With Your Baby

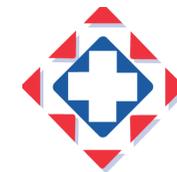
We will endeavour to accommodate any request for one parent/guardian to travel with your baby. However, it is at the discretion of the NETS Return Transport Team to confirm availability to travel. Whilst there may be room to accommodate you in the road ambulance, there are greater restrictions on Air Ambulance. If it is not possible for you to travel with your baby your referring hospital will assist you with travel arrangements. If you are permitted to travel with your baby luggage will be limited to one 5kg bag owing to restricted space in the ambulance and aircraft.

The journey

Even though your baby may not require oxygen prior to transport, your baby may need oxygen during the transport and for a short time after the journey. Some hospitals also like to observe the baby in an incubator for the first 24 hours even if they have previously been in an open cot.

Cost

There will be no out of pocket costs to you for the transfer of your baby. If your baby is being transferred to a private hospital for ongoing care there may be a cost for that care. Please check with your private health insurer regarding cost of the baby's admission to a private hospital.



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