

Paediatric Time Critical Transfer Actions

Time critical transfers (TCT) are required for children who have a life or limb threatening clinical condition where early intervention will have a greater impact on the outcome than retrieval by a specialist team

Target: 1 hour from the decision made this is a time critical transfer to the time when the child leaves the local hospital.

Goal: Rapid and safe transfer. Do not delay for unnecessary procedures eg insertion of arterial line but do consider insertion of a urinary catheter.

Referring hospital staff to perform transfer, not SORT

Paediatric/ ED Consultant or middle grade Paediatric /ED Doctor Actions	Nurse Actions
Call SORT 0238 0775502 - To inform them of the child and their condition. SORT will arrange bed, theatre, specialist teams. - Repeat SORT instructions back to them for clarification.	Call SCAS 0300 1239822 To request a Time Critical Transfer Ambulance If >130kg - inform SCAS
Call Intensive Care or Outreach Consultant To agree and name the transfer team and prepare the patient for intubation - Either *ICU or Anaesthetic Consultant Or middle grade doctor who must be paediatric airway competent - Paediatric nurse	Print from www.sort.nhs.uk/guidelines - TCT Preparation - TCT Transfer Checklist - Drug Calculator - Pre- intubation checklist - and complete STOPP form
*Consider calling ODP to support intubation *Ensure intubation medications are prescribed & prepared and emergency drugs are ready as per SORT guidelines *Ensure intubation equipment is out and checked, including the pre- intubation checklist - Ensure transfer letter is completed and accompanies child - Ensure digital linked images sent to referring hospital	Collect equipment & drugs - paediatric grab bag - portable ventilator - all monitoring equipment is fully charged and should include minimum of cardiac monitoring, pulse oximetry and temperature. - all pumps have plugs attached - all drugs required for transfer
- Inform transfer team about destination and any subsequent changes - Keep parents/carers updated - Inform SORT of time and status of child when leaving local hospital. - Update paediatric patient list with child details	Collect securing equipment <5kg - Baby POD- located in NNU 4-45kg - appropriate size of restraints (4 sizes available) located in HDU >45kg - regular ambulance harness or stretcher

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