



MORTALITY LEARNING BULLETIN

FLUIDS ON ADMINISTRATION

What does your central venous line guideline say about starting fluids at the time of insertion? To avoid cannulation attempts and hypoglycemia in extreme preterm babies you may want to start maintenance amounts of 10% Dextrose while awaiting confirmation of line position

CLOTTING SCREENS

In the context of significant bruising/bleeding after birth consider sending a clotting screen and correcting any abnormalities prior to a post-natal transfer. Normal reference ranges for clotting parameters are published. Sending routine clotting screens is however not recommended practice

MEDICAL EXAMINER

All child deaths need to be discussed with the medical examiner within your trust before issuing a death certificate

NEC DIAGNOSIS

Necrotising enterocolitis is best diagnosed by the criteria as stated in the NNAP criteria and recorded as per these diagnostic criteria on Badger