Nova Scotia Health Regional Transfer Algorithm

Transfering Newborns diagnosed with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome

ESC-Tool Assessment and optimize non-pharmacological strategies

First **"Yes"** noted on ESC assessment Tool recommend a Full care Team Huddle

Continue using the ESC-Assessment tool and optimize non-pharmacological strategies

Consultation with IWK Health Newborn Service Team **(24/7 Service)**

Contact switchboard and Ask for "Newborn Service":
902-470-8888
OR
TOLL-FREE at
1-888-470-5888

Consider:
Are we optimizing non-pharmacological strategies?

— No →

Consider:
1. Why hasn't non-pharmacological strategies been optimized?
2. How can we optimize non-pharmacological strategies?
Action:
1. Optimize non-pharmacological therapy
2. Continue to follow ESC Assessment tool Algorithm

Does the home hospital feel confident in managing the care for the newborn?

Yes

Yes

Is the newborn exhibiting signs of withdrawal?

Consult with PMC at IWK Health regarding anticipated birthparent transfer due to newborn withdrawal.
902-470-8888
PMC On Call

Continue to monitor at home hospital with another consultation call after the next ESC tool assessment

Continue to Monitor

Yes

OBS Transfer

Continue to Monitor

No- Revisit Care Plan in Consultation with IWK Health

Consider the need for more assistance (if appropriate consult IWK Newborn Service Team)

— Next Steps →

Individualized plan of care will be developed in consultation with IWK Health

— Transfer Required →

Transfer:
- **If newborn is stable:** Transfer together skin to skin via ground paramedics directly to FNCU.
- **If newborn has any additional clinical concerns:** Newborn should be transferred with LifeFlight Neonatal Transport Team
1. Notify PMC on Call about Transfer
2. Call **1-888-346-9999** to arrange transfer
3. Completed transfer handoff form
4. Transfer birthparent with newborn via EHS to IWK Health

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