



ADMISSION ORDER SET FOR INFANTS WITH LIFE-LIMITING CONDITIONS ADMITTED FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Admit to: NICU- whether the baby is in delivery room, post-partum or NICU

Document DNR/DNI order by attending physician

Document whether family declined Newborn Screening (in case of terminal condition) by attending physician

Nursing:

- vital signs by nurse (HR and RR and temperature) Q 12 hours or PRN
- NO cardio-respiratory-saturation monitor and blood pressure
- NO fingersticks
- Pain scores NIPS
- I/O - individualized. If an infant is in state of impending death no need to quantify I/O. If the infant looks stable, report breastfeeding/formula taken and urine/stool output.
- Weight - individualized

Food and nutrition:

Feed ad lib by breast or bottle if possible or small amount of milk via syringe or other devices (cup, dropper). Colostrum care. Otherwise individualized. Consult speech pathologist and breastfeeding specialist.

Laboratory:

- Newborn metabolic screen to be discussed by attending physician with parents
- NO lab test unless individualized for specific condition

Medication:

- Erythromycin ointment (eye) and vitamin K IM, unless early demise expected.
- Tylenol PO or PR 15 mg/kg/dose PRN
- Morphine PO at 0.3 mg/kg/dose PRN
- Fentanyl IN (intra-nasal) 1-2 mcg/kg/dose PRN

PLEASE consider any other intervention that would provide comfort to the baby.