Consultation in the NICU KEMH by Visiting Specialists

**Scope (Staff):** Nursing and Medical Staff

**Scope (Area):** NICU KEMH, NICU PCH, NETS WA

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Specialists at PCH or other hospitals should only be consulted to see infants in the KEMH Neonatal Unit at the request of KEMH neonatal consultants or senior registrars.

If the senior registrar is contacting the outside specialist then the consult request must have been discussed with the KEMH Neonatologist covering.

There must be an accompanying consultation request form (MR035) stating which KEMH consultant has asked the visiting specialist to see the baby and the purpose of the consult.

When the visiting specialist comes to see the baby, the most senior member of the neonatal staff in the hospital (be that Neonatologist or Senior Registrar) should be notified and, if possible, accompany the visiting specialist during the consultation. If this is not possible, then the Neonatologist or Senior Registrar should make the visiting specialist aware that they are not able to attend at that time.

The visiting specialist should document their recommendations on the consultation request form (MR035) or in the patient progress notes (MR420). The consultant on should be made aware of the recommendations.

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