



PCP Handoff Discussion Elements

After the NICU infant's caregivers have chosen a PCP, a warm handoff to the PCP/medical home is preferable, especially for complex situations.

Within 48 hours of discharge, contact the PCP/medical home by telephone call. A text message, fax, email, or meeting may also be appropriate. Consider also providing important hospital contact information to be available for follow-up questions and ongoing communication about the infant's past health history.

Communication with the PCP/medical home should include the following **at minimum**:

- Infant's name in the hospital and after discharge (if they are different)
- Medical diagnoses
- Medical history and ongoing issues
- Discharge medications, home equipment, and administration instructions
- Nutritional recommendations
- Results of major procedures (e.g., Sleep studies, bronchoscopy, modified barium swallows, etc.)
- Test results and pending tests
- Follow-up appointments and referrals arranged and those that need to be scheduled
- Interpreter and communication needs (if necessary)
- Connections to resources for specific diagnoses or special needs
- Guidance given to family and discharge teaching that may benefit from reinforcement
- Resources for family's health-related social needs (if necessary)



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