




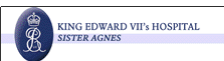



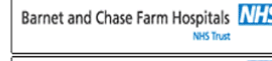






NEONATAL UNIT

These safety precautions should be applied to the management of all babies, since while some HIV-positive babies will be known, others will remain unidentified.

1. Wear gloves and protective clothing whenever exposed to baby's blood or secretions. These may all be potentially infectious. This includes heel prick procedures, venesection, arterial blood sampling, etc.
2. Never mouth pipette blood.
3. Do not use mouth suction mucus extractors. Please use the wall mounted or mobile mechanical suction devices.
4. In delivery suite, attending paediatricians should wear long green apron and gloves for receiving delivered babies. Liquor, mucus and blood over the neonates are potentially infectious.
5. Please ensure that secretions from one mother and baby pair are not allowed to come into contact with the next case to be delivered. Serious cross infection between neonates is not uncommon and occurs because of poor hygiene on Resuscitaires, etc.
6. Clean centrifuge and blood gas machine according to local policy after each use.

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