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- NICU.8.1 A summary of the neonatal intensive care stay is written by the NICU physician and made available at the time of discharge from critical care to a lower acuity level.
  - NICU.8.2 There is documented evidence of handover between the neonatal intensive care physician and the unit physician at the time of transfer to a lower acuity of care.
  - NICU.8.3 When the patient is discharged from the unit, the neonatal intensive care unit physician ensures that the receiving team is well informed about the patient's status and ongoing patient needs.
    - NICU.8.3.1 The patient's plan of care and medications are written in detail by the physician including how to continue them on the floor.
    - NICU.8.3.2 Any special care requirements are documented in the medical record.
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**Standard Intent:**

The admission and discharge process should be coordinated among physicians, nurses, and other health care practitioners to unify these processes in the NICU.

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**NICU.9 Nursing staffing plans are available in the neonatal intensive care unit.**

- NICU.9.1 The nursing staffing plans demonstrate an evidence based nursing to patient ratio.
  - NICU.9.2 The nursing staffing plans are matching the patient volume and patient acuity.
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**Standard Intent:**

Nursing staffing plan should be available in NICU to support nurse's assignments. The hospital must make sure that the workforce in the NICU is consistent with any applicable laws and regulations.

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**NICU.10 Nursing staff in the neonatal intensive care unit receive continuous training with competency assessment.**

- NICU.10.1 Nursing staff in the NICU intensive care unit receive training and education on the following general and NICU intensive care related needs:
  - NICU.10.1.1 Assisting physicians in the different procedures performed in the neonatal intensive care unit including securing central lines access.
  - NICU.10.1.2 Using pulse oximetry.
  - NICU.10.1.3 Recognizing critical ECG changes including arrhythmias.
  - NICU.10.1.4 Assisting physician in placing central lines or arterial lines and /or umbilical arterial/venous lines.
  - NICU.10.1.5 Obtaining arterial blood gas samples and blood drawing from umbilical catheters.