# **Neonatal Resuscitation**

### **BLS Procedures**

## **Newly Born Infant**

Provide warmth, dry briskly and discard wet linen

 Suction ONLY if secretions, including meconium, cause airway obstruction

#### Assess while drying infant

- 1. Full term?
- 2. Crying or breathing?
- 3. Good muscle tone?

#### If "YES" to all three

- Place skin-to-skin with mother
- Cover both with dry linen
- Observe breathing, activity, color

# If "NO" to any of three

- Stimulate briefly (<15 seconds)
  - Flick soles of infant's feet
  - Briskly rub infant's back
- Provide warm/dry covering
- Continue to assess

# Infant up to 48 hours old

#### Provide warmth

- Suction ONLY if secretions cause airway obstruction
- Stimulate briefly (<15 seconds)
  - Flick soles of infant's feet
  - Rub infant's back with towel

Provide warm/dry covering

Continue to assess

### Assess Breathing

- If crying or breathing, assess circulation
- If apneic or gasping
  - Positive pressure ventilations (PPV) with BVM and ROOM AIR at 40-60 breaths per minute for 30 seconds
    - Continue PPV, reassessing every 30 seconds, until infant is breathing adequately
  - Reassess breathing, assess circulation

#### **Assess Circulation**

- If HR between 60 and 100 bpm
  - PPV with BVM and ROOM AIR at 40-60 breaths per minute for 30 seconds
    - Continue PPV, reassessing every 30 seconds, until infant maintains HR >100 bpm
- If HR < 60 bpm</li>
  - CPR at 3:1 ratio for 30 seconds
    - 90/min compressions
    - 30/min ventilations
    - Continue CPR, reassessing every 60 seconds, until HR > 60 bpm
  - If no improvement after 90 seconds of ROOM AIR CPR, add supplemental O₂ until HR > 100

### **ALS Standing Orders**

### Establish IO line only in presence of CPR

Asystole OR Persistent Bradycardia < 60 bpm

Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL

- O IO 0.01mg/kg (0.1mL/kg) q 3-5 min
- Normal Saline
  - o IO bolus 10mL/kg

#### PEA

- Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL
  - o IO 0.01mg/kg (0.1mL/kg) q 3-5 min
- Normal Saline
  - IO bolus 10mL/kg

#### Base Hospital Orders only

Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures

#### Additional Information:

- Resuscitation efforts may be withheld for extremely preterm infants (< 21 weeks or < 9 inches long). Sensitivity to the desires of the parent(s) may be considered. If uncertain as to gestational age, begin resuscitation.
- A rising heart rate is the best indicator of adequate PPV

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