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Neonatal Resuscitation: A Step-by-Step Guide\*\*

### Introduction

Neonatal resuscitation is a critical procedure performed immediately after birth to stabilize and support infants who are not breathing spontaneously or have other life-threatening conditions. The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) provides evidence-based guidelines for effective newborn resuscitation.

### Measures of Neonatal Resuscitation

The measures of neonatal resuscitation include:

- Clearing the airway
- Providing ventilation
- Maintaining circulation
- Assessing and stabilizing the infant's condition
- Transferring the infant to a higher level of care if necessary

### Algorithm for Neonatal Resuscitation

The NRP protocol follows a systematic algorithm to guide resuscitation efforts:

1. **Initial Assessment:** Check for breathing, crying, and muscle tone.
2. **Clear the Airway:** Suction the mouth and nose if necessary.
3. **Provide Ventilation:** Initiate positive pressure ventilation using a bag-valve-mask or endotracheal intubation.

4. **Establish Circulation:** Measure oxygen saturation and heart rate. Provide chest compressions if necessary.
5. **Stabilize the Infant:** Monitor vital signs, maintain body temperature, and provide glucose.

## **Steps of Newborn Resuscitation**

### **Initial 5 Steps:**

1. Warm the infant
2. Position the infant
3. Clear the airway
4. Stimulate breathing
5. Check the heart rate

### **5 Steps for Giving CPR to an Infant:**

1. Position the infant on a firm surface
2. Open the airway
3. Check for breathing
4. Give rescue breaths
5. Perform chest compressions

### **7 Steps of Resuscitation:**

1. Call for help
2. Clear the airway
3. Provide breaths
4. Provide chest compressions (if needed)
5. Use an AED (if available)
6. Monitor and control bleeding
7. Treat shock

## **Who Developed Newborn Resuscitation Guidelines?**

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Heart Association (AHA)

## ABCs of Neonatal Resuscitation

- **A - Airway:** Clear and maintain airway patency.
- **B - Breathing:** Support ventilation and provide oxygenation.
- **C - Circulation:** Establish and maintain adequate circulation.

## Role of PEEP in Newborns

Positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) helps achieve:

- Improved lung expansion
- Reduced lung shunting
- Increased oxygenation

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