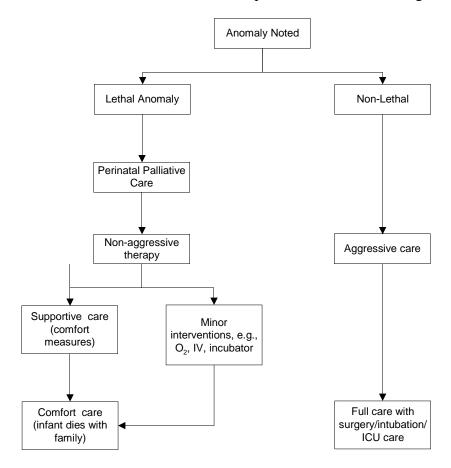
PALLIATIVE CARE FOR NEWBORNS

1.0 PROTOCOL

- 1.1 Give the baby to the parents immediately, to allow them to share in the baby's life. These babies may live for only minutes, or for days.
- 1.2 Refer to the Perinatal Loss and Death protocol and the flow diagram below:



- 1.3 Provide comfort measures to the baby and parents, as needed.
 - Nursing and Medical staff comfort the baby and parents.
 - Keep the baby warm and encourage cuddling by parents or staff.
 - Some babies may be fed.
 - If the parents feel overwhelmed, keep the baby comfortable in a quiet section of the nursery.
 - Advise the parents of the spiritual and emotional support available from the Social Worker and Chaplain.

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