

Newborn Nursing Care Pathway

Site Applicability

All VCH & PHC sites

Practice Level

For the following professions (within their respective scope of practice) with additional education:

- NP, RN
- LPN (PHC only)

Policy Statement

VCH & PHC Health Care Professionals (HCPs) will use the Perinatal Services BC (PSBC) Newborn Guideline 13 – Newborn Nursing Care Pathway (see guideline link below) when providing nursing care to newborns from birth to 6 weeks.

Need to Know

The Newborn Nursing Care Pathway identifies the care needs of newborns and is the foundation for the British Columbia Newborn Clinical Path.

In this document, assessments are entered into specific periods; from immediately after birth to 7 days postpartum and beyond. These are guidelines and are used to ensure that all assessment criteria have been captured. Once the newborn and her/his mother are in their own surroundings, details of physical assessments will be performed based on the individual nursing judgment in consultation with the mother.

Practice Guideline

See PSBC Newborn Guideline 13 Newborn Nursing Care Pathway:

<http://www.perinatalervicesbc.ca/Documents/Guidelines-Standards/Newborn/NewbornNursingCarePathway.pdf>

Expected Patient/Client/Resident Outcomes

Clients will receive postpartum care that responds to the special needs of the mother and baby during this special phase and should include: the prevention, early detection and treatment of complications and disease; and the provision of advice and services on breastfeeding, immunization safety and infant nutrition.

Documentation

As per the Newborn PARIS guidelines, PSBC forms, Cerner guidelines

Related Documents

- [VCH Feeding of Healthy Term Infants – Policy and Guidelines](#)
- VCH/PHC: [Breastfeeding Guidelines for Healthy Term Infants](#)
- PSBC: [Postpartum Nursing Care Pathway](#)

References

See PBSC document – pages 44-45.

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