PREVENTING HEAT LOSS AT BIRTH (ALL GESTATIONS)

Ensure heater on resuscitare is turned onto maximum output prior to delivery. If birthing in theatre turn up the air-conditioning to aim for at least 24 degrees.

INFANTS ≥ 32 WEEKS ≥ 1500 GRAMS
- Dry the infant and remove wet cloths from the baby
- Wrap the infant in warm blankets
- Hat

INFANTS < 32 WEEKS OR EXPECTED TO BE < 1500 GRAMS
- Open the Neowrap™ and lay it down flat on the resuscitare.
- Lay the wet infant on the Neowrap™
- Immediately wrap the wet infant from the shoulders down in the Neowrap™ under the radiant warmer. A suggested method of wrapping is shown below.
- Dry the exposed head.
- Leave the plastic wrap on and additionally wrap the baby in warm blankets prior to transfer to the nursery

FURTHER READING


