



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY PARENTS
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1. A parent will not give any medications to an infant unless the medication is to be continued after discharge and parents need to be taught how to give the medication.
2. Any medication to be administered by the parent will be prescribed on the medication chart whilst the infant is an inpatient.
3. Any medication to be administered by a parent will be supervised by a registered nurse whilst the infant is an inpatient and the chart annotated by the supervising nurse (eg given by parent).

Supply of medications to Parents

On occasions staff may be requested to provide medications for parents. Where this occurs the following policy must be followed.

1. Prescription medication must not be provided to parents and the parents should be directed to their own general practitioner or to a local general practice if the parent is from the country.
2. If a mother who is an inpatient in an obstetric ward at KEMH, requests any medication she must be directed back to the ward.
3. No member of the public or family will be given medications and should be directed to a pharmacy or a local medical practice.

Supply of Medications to Mothers admitted as In-Patients on Ward 6B

[See NCCU Clinical Guidelines section 21 - A Guide for prescribing and giving medications to mothers of 6B infants](#)