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Neonatal Patient(s) - 0–1 month or < 5 kg Indications for AMT Activation

Consider Air Medical Transport in:

- Respiratory distress requiring intervention (O₂, N-CPAP, Intubation) regardless of cause (MAS, sepsis, RDS, CHD, etc.) Any infant with any suggestion of airway compromise or respiratory failure should be considered a transport candidate.
- Any unstable airway (choanal atresia, mass, congenital anomaly Pierre Robin, Treacher-Collins).
- Any infant with a distended abdomen with unknown etiology, or suspected surgical abdomen (Hirschsprungs, atresia, NEC, congenital abnormalities).
- Infant with known / suspected cyanotic heart disease.
- Infant with congenital heart disease resulting in decreased systemic output such as Hypoplastic Left Heart, Coarctation (suspect in poor perfusion, increasing metabolic acidosis, decreased or absent pulses +/- heart murmur).
- Infant with congenital heart disease resulting in symptomatic congestive heart failure (increased respiratory rate, enlarged liver, poor perfusion, “wet” chest x-ray, and large heart on chest x-ray).
- Birth weight < 2000 grams and/or gestational age < 32 weeks.
- Seizures not responsive to routine treatment (phenobarbital/phenytoin).
- Any infant with unstable vital signs (i.e. or HR, RR, or T^o, BP)
- Suspected unstable metabolic conditions, such as inborn errors of metabolism.
- Any infant on pressor agents, prostin or with symptomatic arrhythmias requiring treatment.
- Any infant requiring immediate and/or rapid transport in the referring physician’s opinion.

Consider the following when assessing newborns:

- Infants with significant asphyxia are at risk of seizures, and resultant apnea.
- Full term infants with significant asphyxia or compromise during or immediately after birth, may be at risk of developing persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN).
- Infants with a PCO₂>60 and requiring greater than 40% oxygen should be considered candidates for intubation.
- Sepsis should be strongly considered a factor in any compromised newborn.