

PROTECTING YOUR INFANT AT UNC HOSPITALS

At North Carolina Women's Hospital's Maternity Care Center we care about the security of your infant.

Because we care, we have several ways to keep your infant secure.

All Nursery personnel wear a special badge that is worn in clear view for family to see. This badge lets you know that these are the people caring for your infant and you should only let staff with this badge move your infant from mom's room to the nursery and back.

When your baby is in your room, keep the bed where you can see the baby at all times. Do not leave the room without someone you trust with the infant.

We also have installed an electronic infant security system called HUGs in the hospital.

Soon after your baby is born, a special tag will be placed on his or her ankle. This tag will allow the staff to know the location of your infant at ALL times. If your infant is taken out of the Maternity Care Center, an alarm will sound and staff will be able to pinpoint your infant's exact location.

The HUGs tag:

- ❖ Has a number that is assigned to your infant at birth
- ❖ Is placed on the ankle with a soft band that can move easily on your baby's leg, but will be tight enough not to slip off
- ❖ Is waterproof, allowing your infant to be bathed without problems
- ❖ Is lightweight and will not restrict the movement of your infant
- ❖ Allows the baby to be moved freely within the secure area
- ❖ Will activate an alarm if there is any attempt to cut the band by someone other than nursery personnel

These systems are in place because we understand how important the safety of your infant is for you as a parent.

Another safety tip: remember to keep your baby on his or her side or back when sleeping.

If you have any questions about either the special badge for nursery nurses or the HUGs system, please ask your nurse.