



NCCC/PICU Guidelines for Transfer & Consultation: Critical Congenital Heart Disease

- Patients ELIGIBLE for cardiac unit (PICU) consultation/transfer have had initial cardiology consult & echo confirm the need for surgery during the current hospitalization
- Single ventricle patients (as well as other patients with pulmonary over circulation or possible need for ECMO) are highest priority for transfer to PICU for balanced circulation management including NIRS monitoring
- Patients who are not surgical candidates should remain in NCCCC unless transfer to PICU is indicated for other clinical needs

GA	Early Pre-term (≤ 33 6/7 weeks)	Late Pre-term (34-36 6/7 weeks)	Term (≥ 37 weeks)
Goal	Patient stays in NCCC until timing before surgery as per CT surgery request	Transfer based on PICU consult recommendations or per CT surgery request	Transfer based on PICU consult recommendations for preoperative cardiac management within 36 hours
NCCC Team	If possible and patient meets criteria, place lower extremity PICC prior to transfer to PICU, other access and start of Prostin as indicated	If possible and patient meets criteria, place lower extremity PICC prior to transfer to PICU, other access and start of Prostin as indicated	If possible and patient meets criteria, place lower extremity PICC prior to transfer to PICU, other access and start of Prostin as indicated
	Obtain Cardiology, PICU, and CT Surgery		
Labs	Type & Screen Rule out sepsis HUS/Renal US Genetic testing if indicated	Type & Screen Rule out sepsis HUS/Renal US Genetic testing if indicated	Type & Screen Rule out sepsis (if applicable) HUS/Renal US Genetic testing if indicated
NCCC Consults	NCCC team continues to follow patients in PICU as needed for early preterm infant management recommendations	PICU team obtains NCCC consult for patients transferred from outside hospital directly to PICU for late preterm infant management recommendations	PICU team obtains NCCC consult for patients transferred from outside hospital directly to PICU for Routine Newborn care recommendations (e.g. nutrition, access, immunization)
PICU Consults	NCCC consults PICU for preoperative cardiac management recommendations as soon as above eligibility (bullets at top of page) is met	NCCC consults PICU for preoperative cardiac management recommendations as soon as above eligibility (bullets at top of page) is met	NCCC consults PICU for preoperative cardiac management recommendations as soon as above eligibility (bullets at top of page) is met

NCCC to Cardiac Unit (PICU) Transfer Process

