Birth & transfer

Maternal transfer for specialist care

Transfer of pregnant women for specialist care (for mother and/or newborn infant) is an essential component of perinatal care and is carried out in a timely, safe, and efficient manner.

Information provision for women about the risk for preterm birth (PTB)

All (pregnant) women receive timely information and counselling about potential risk factors for and sign and symptoms of preterm birth and how to find appropriate healthcare advice.

Organisation of perinatal care

Perinatal care is organised in specialist and non-specialist centres to ensure access to optimal, preferably evidence-based, care with respect to medical knowledge, organisation structure, and staff.

Neonatal transport

Infants are transferred by a dedicated, specialised medical service that offers a quality of care similar to that promoted in a NICU.

Collaboration with parents in ante- and perinatal care

Pregnant women and their partners receive complete and accurate personalised information and support during pregnancy and childbirth to achieve efficient, optimal and respectful collaboration.

European standards of care for newborn health

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