



## Ethical decision-making &amp; palliative care

## Rights of infants, parents, and families in difficult decisions

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### Statement of the standard

The rights of infants, parents, and families in difficult decisions are respected by healthcare professionals. The values behind any decisions that may compromise those rights are transparent.



#### For parents and family

- Parents and family are informed by healthcare professionals about the standards enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child/the European Association for Children in Hospital Charter or national equivalents.



#### For neonatal unit

- The adequacy of clinical services for infants is reviewed at regular intervals and any shortcoming declared.

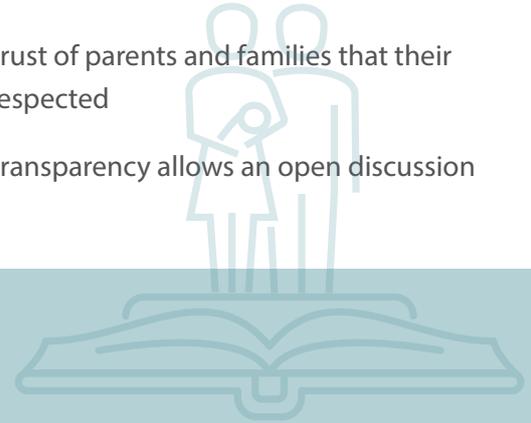


#### For hospitals

- The standards enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child/the European Association for Children in Hospital Charter or national equivalents are ensured.
- The distribution of resources among services for different groups of patients is reviewed at regular intervals to address questions of equity and to prevent discrimination.

### Benefits

- Best possible care is provided to infants that is aligned with their clinical situation and therapeutic goals set for them
- Increased trust of parents and families that their rights are respected
- Increased transparency allows an open discussion of issues



#### For healthcare professionals

- The standards enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child/the European Association for Children in Hospital Charter or national equivalents are adhered to by all healthcare professionals.
- The best interests of infants and wishes of parents are respected. There is no discrimination because of age, race, religion, beliefs, gender, or sexual orientation.
- When the best interests of infants or wishes of parents or families cannot be met the reasons are explicitly documented.



#### For health service

- Rights of infants, parents, and families are included in the Curricula of the healthcare professional education.

