

OUR LADYS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
NURSING CARE PLAN 10

Head injury

(Please use in conjunction with careplan 1)



Care plan 10 Problem		Head Injury Goals	Issue date: January 2017 Review date: January 2020
..... Sustained a head injury related to.....		Prompt detection and reporting of changes in neurological status.	
Commenced, date, time, signature & grade	No.	Nursing intervention	Discontinued, date, time, signature & grade
	1.	Neurological Observations	
		Record neurological observations (Using the Glasgow Coma scale, GCS) and observations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ hourly for 6 hours • Hourly for 6 hours • 2 hourly for 6 hours • Continue 2 hourly if fracture present • 4 hourly if no fracture present <p>Observation frequency will be altered if deterioration in the child's condition is noted.</p>	
	2.	Observations	
		Observe for deficits in neurological status; Request review by orthopaedic team in the case of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agitation or unusual behaviour • A decrease in the child's level of consciousness • A decrease by 1 point in the motor or verbal response in GCS • A decrease x 2 points in the eye opening responses in GCS. • Development of severe or increasing headache • Persistent vomiting • Development of a new neurological sign e.g. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unequal pupils 2. Abnormal limb movements 3. Limb strength deficits 4. Abnormal facial movements 5. Irritability 6. Drowsiness 7. Raised fontanelle 8. Photophobia • Notable and/or persistent deviation in vital signs. 	

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Patient name.....

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Ward.....

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	3.	Patient/parental advice	
		Verbal and written advice on head injury will be given to _____ parents prior to discharge from hospital.	
	4.	Discharge advice	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orthopaedic team will determine fitness for discharge. • Medical social worker will liaise with ward staff and family as required. 	
	5.	Other advice	