

## KATS Transport policy

Kangaroo Care Acute Transport Service (KATS) is available 24/7 to stabilize and transport pregnant women, neonates and unwell children from surrounding areas and nearby town hospitals/nursing homes to Kangaroo Care Women and Children Hospital.

The KATS transport team consists of the on call neonatal consultant, neonatal registrar, NICU nurses and biomedical engineer. In addition, trained nurses, obstetric registrars and obstetric anaesthetist are available 24/7 for stabilization and transfer of any pregnant woman.

To help decide how best to provide transport care, we have categorized transfers as green, amber and red. During the day (9am-8pm), referring consultant will discuss with Dr. Shekar Subbaiah regarding the category of transfer. During the night (8pm-9am), the on call consultant will take calls about all transfers.

We have categorised the Neonatal transport to get organised with respect to the level of specialised doctors, nurses and other transport staff requirements to optimise the resources.

**Green transfers:** Term/late preterm babies with vitals being within normal limits for age. Baby is requiring minimal oxygen support. Transfer will be done by the trained NICU nurse.

Other indications: Hypoglycaemia, Hypothermia, Jaundice and mild TTN.

**Amber transfers:** Babies requiring significant oxygen support and/or CPAP. Transfer will be done by the trained NICU nurse and a neonatal registrar. Ensure baby has stable breathing support and secure IV access. Check temperature and blood glucose before departure.

**Red transfers:** Baby requires stabilisation before leaving from the referral unit. Always discuss with the on call consultant whether the baby needs to be ventilated, needs circulatory support or other measures before retrieval. Please update the parents and the referring doctor why the baby needs stabilization before transfer.

Before starting from the referral hospital...plz call Dr Shekar Subbaiah/on call consultant to make sure baby has been stabilised so that the transport will be smooth and safe.

The phone numbers for referrals 24/7 are 080 23015600/080 23015601/9036015526.

Please fill out the vitals before leaving from the referral unit and discuss with the on call consultant.

	Vitals at birth	Vitals at referral	Vitals at pickup	Vitals during transfer	Vitals on arrival at KCH
Heart rate					
Respiratory rate					
Oxygen sats					
FiO2					
Temperature					
GRBS					

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