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Purpose

To insure competence and proficiency in both the utilization of equipment and the technique of performing intubations. This procedure is performed to establish an airway to further assist in ventilation.

Scope

The policy applies to all department personnel functioning as therapists in the ISCU.

Policy Statement

Authorized staff members may perform intubations under the following circumstances:

- During transport of infants to/from UTMB
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Meconium at delivery
- An intubated infant extubates and requires immediate reintubation
- An infant at the resuscitation stand requires intubation and the resident requests the therapist to do so.

Authorization Procedures

Step	Action
1	Satisfactory completion of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program with consistent staffing in the ISCU for at least 6 months.
2	Direct observation of intubation attempt by a physician, nurse practitioner, transport nurse, or the ISCU Clinical Educator.
3	The therapist must have documented intubation rotation in employee file, and show competencies and knowledge of intubation procedure.

