



Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Guidelines - Endorsed for Use in Clinical Practice Policy

1. Background

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) seeks to provide direction and guidance to all staff through the availability of appropriate evidence based guidelines and procedures. It is envisaged that this information will assist in the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation in meeting current legislation and the key principles of quality improvement.

2. Policy Statement

WA health system policy documents are the overarching policy documents that must be complied with by all WA health system staff. To complement these documents, WACHS has endorsed specific policies, guidelines and procedures covering a range of issues related to clinical practice. WA health system and WACHS policy documents are available via the [HealthPoint Policies](#) intranet site.

In addition, the WACHS endorses a number of relevant evidence based guidelines and resources from other WA Health Service Providers and organisations external to the WA health system for use in clinical practice.

WACHS endorses the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Guidelines as evidence-based recommended practice for use by Medical, Nursing, Midwifery, Mental Health and Allied Health staff. Specifically:

- [PCH Clinical Practice Manual](#)
- [PCH Emergency Department Guidelines](#) Important note: log in is required to access the Emergency Department Management Guidelines from computers outside of WACHS
- [PCH Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)
- [PCH Medication Management – includes Children's Antimicrobial Stewardship \(ChAMP\) policies and Medication Monographs](#)
- [PCH Newborn Hearing Screen Program](#)
- [PCH Blood Transfusion Medicine Protocols](#)
- [PCH Infection Control Policies](#)
- [PCH Health Facts](#)
- [CAHS Toys, Books and Educational Material - Purchase, Care and Cleaning](#)

External sources that are endorsed for use in WACHS clinical practice provide a standard for clinical governance and service delivery and provide a range of

information and evidence-based practice to support best practice by all staff for country health patients and clients.

When applied, the information contained in these guidelines must take account of the context and scope of practice, level of service delivery and facility capacity.

These guidelines do not indicate an exclusive course of action or serve as a definitive mode of patient care. Variations that take into account individual circumstances, clinical judgement, scope of professional practice and patient choice, may be appropriate dependent on the health care setting.

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in these guidelines, no guarantee can be given that the information is free from error or omission. Users are strongly recommended to confirm by way of independent sources, that the information contained within these guidelines and procedures is correct, especially drug doses that may change from time of publication.

Please note the web-based electronic copy is the master copy for all guidelines, policies and procedures.

3. WACHS Policy Document Summary

Implementation and communication requirements for WACHS clinicians are outlined in this EUCP's associated Policy Document Summary.

4. Policy Reviewers

The PCH Guidelines endorsed were reviewed by the following WACHS subject matter experts:

- Paediatric Nurse Practitioner (Kimberley)
- WACHS Infection Control Advisory Forum (ICAF)

5. Standards

[National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards -](#)

Clinical Governance Standard: 1.7, 1.8, 1.27 and 1.28

Partnering with Consumers Standard: 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10

Preventing and Controlling Healthcare Associated Infection Standard: 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.15 and 3.16

Medication Safety Standard: 4.1, 4.4, 4.12, 4.13 and 4.15

Comprehensive Care Standard: 5.1, 5.7, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12 and 5.13

Blood Management Standard: 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.9 and 7.10

6. Legislation

- *Carers Recognition Act 2004*
- *Children and Community Services Act 2004*
- *Civil Liability Act 2002*

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- *Disability Services Act 1993*
- *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*
- *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Act 2010*
- *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*
- *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*
- *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984*
- *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996*
- *Privacy Act 1988*
- *Public Sector Management Act 1994*
- *State Records Act 2000*

7. References

Nil.

8. Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy document may constitute a breach of the WA Health system MP0031/16 Code of Conduct (Code). The Code is part of the [Integrity Policy Framework](#) issued pursuant to section 26 of the [Health Services Act 2016](#) (WA) and is binding on all WACHS staff which for this purpose includes trainees, students, volunteers, researchers, contractors for service (including all visiting health professionals and agency staff) and persons delivering training or education within WACHS.

WACHS staff are reminded that compliance with all policies is mandatory

9. Records Management

[Health Record Management Policy](#)

10. Related Forms

WACHS endorsed paediatric medical records (MR forms)

11. Related Policy Documents

Nil

12. Related WA Health System Policies

Nil

13. Policy Framework

[Clinical Governance, Safety and Quality](#)
[Clinical Services Planning and Programs](#)

14. Considerations

Log in is required to access the [PCH Emergency Department Guidelines](#) from computers outside of WACHS.

15. Variations

Nil

16. Documentation

WACHS Paediatric specific Medical Record forms are to be used. PCH forms are not endorsed for use in WACHS.

17. Contacts

Not applicable

18. Roles and Responsibilities

18.1 WACHS Executive Directors of Medical, Nursing and Midwifery Services and Mental Health and the Chief Operating Officer Strategy and Reform are responsible for:

- acting as the principal endorsement authority for external organisations' clinical policy documents.

18.2 WACHS Area and Regional Medical, Nurse, Mental Health, Aged Care and Population Health Directors are responsible for:

- participating in the review for appropriateness of external organisations' clinical policy and guideline documents for use by clinicians within the WACHS.

18.3 All WACHS clinicians are accountable for their own practice and are to provide care:

- within their registration status
- in accordance with the codes and guidelines approved by their relevant National Board supported by AHPRA
- within their scope of practice and competence
- within their prescribed responsibilities and duties as defined in their Job Description Form (JDF) and
- within the context of practice that they are operating.

19. Evaluation

The context and content of this EUCP will be reviewed every 5 years. Formal review will occur via the WACHS Director Paediatrics in collaboration with WACHS Neonatal Paediatric Leadership Group.

20. Appendices / Related Documents

Not applicable

21. WACHS Learning and Development Clinical Resources

Not applicable

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability

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