

# Newborn Critical Care Center (NCCC) Clinical Guidelines

## Newborn Airway Emergency Protocol

The Newborn Airway Emergency protocol is designed to initiate an immediate response to Labor and Delivery or NCCC by ENT, Pediatric Pulmonology, and Pediatric Anesthesiology in the event of an unexpected airway emergency in a newborn infant.

A NCCC provider initiates the response with a phone call to the paging operator at 4-4111 stating:

**“Newborn Airway Emergency Labor and Delivery”** or  
**“Newborn Airway Emergency Newborn Critical Care Center”**

An overhead page will be announced:

**“Newborn Airway Emergency Labor and Delivery 4-3422”** or  
**“Newborn Airway Emergency Newborn Critical Care Center 4-3481”**

**WEEKDAYS** when a newborn airway emergency has been called to 4-4111, the following people will receive a text page:

- Amelia Drake MD
- Jamie Dudy MD
- Lauren Kilpatrick MD
- Wade McClain DO
- Austin Rose MD
- Carlton Zdanski MD
- Mark Hall RT
- Erin Bennard RN
- ENT on-call consult resident
- Anesthesia code pagers

*(Mark and Erin will page the Pediatric Pulmonology attending on call)*

**NIGHTS, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS** when a newborn airway emergency has been called to 4-4111, the following people will receive a text page:

- Anesthesia code pagers (in-house)
- Senior surgery resident on call (in-house on days)
- Mark Hall RT
- Erin Bennard RN
- ENT attending on call
- ENT junior and senior residents on call
- Pediatric Pulmonology attending on call
- Pediatric Anesthesiologist on call

### Special Equipment:

Pediatric Pulmonology will bring the flexible bronchoscopy cart with a 2.2 mm bronchoscope. ENT or Surgery will bring the airway cart from the Women’s and Children’s OR, and/or any equipment necessary to perform rigid bronchoscopy and an emergency tracheotomy.

- *Please note this emergency protocol is for use when a patient with or without a known critical airway is having an unexpected respiratory emergency and an effective airway cannot be established by the NCCC team.*

If it is not a true emergency, but the child has a known critical airway and you need assistance, it is best to page the appropriate groups listed on the critical airway sign at the patient’s bedside.