

Transferring from the NICU to a Pediatric Unit

Your baby is transferring to a pediatric unit in Stead Family Children's hospital. This means your baby has progressed and no longer needs intensive care. Your baby's new care team will give the same level of excellent care. This information will help you and your family feel better prepared during the transition.

What to expect:

- Your baby will be cared for by nurses, patient care techs, medical students, residents, and staff doctors.
- Your baby's nurse may be caring for 2 or 3 other children at the same time.
- Oneview is an interactive system. It will show your care team and education.
- During the day your baby will:
 - Have vital signs taken and assessments 3 or 4 times each day.
 - Have care team rounds between 8:30 and 11 a.m.
 - Be given feedings and medicines on schedule.
 - Get a bath about every 3 days.

What is the same?

- If your baby is on monitors, nurses can see the monitors at the nurse stations.
- The Food for Families Program is still available. There is a different process. Learn more from your baby's care team.
- Your baby will still have physical and occupational therapy as needed. Child life, social workers, and volunteers are on the unit team as well.
- Your baby's goals for going home are the same.

What is different?

- Your baby may not need monitors. This is a good thing!
- Call the unit your baby is on for updates about their care. Ask for your baby's nurse or doctor.
- Breastmilk is stored in a temperature-controlled refrigerator or freezer in the nutrition room. This room is locked for safety. Please ask your nurse for help.
- Visitor guidelines may change. Learn more from your baby's care team.

Pediatric Unit Phone Numbers:

Level 9: 319-356-2231

Level 10: 319-356-3601

Level 11: 319-678-5333