**Parent and Nursing Responsibilities**

Nurses participating in Family Integrated Care are expected to continue to provide care in accordance with established CNO standards and hospital policies. The professional responsibility and accountability of nursing will remain the same as current practice. The key difference lies in the coaching and support provided to parents to take on a more active role as caregivers of their infants during their stay in the unit. Such an approach requires partnership between the nurse and parent characterized by cooperation and shared responsibilities. To help identify these shared responsibilities a detailed list of tasks and expectations are provided below for guidance.

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| **Task** | **Parent responsibilities** | **Nursing responsibilities** |
| Orientation to Family Integrated Care | Receive orientation Follow infection control precautions  Get familiar with the layout of the unit  Learn how to use basic equipment (thermometer, diaper scale, weigh-scale, saturation probe and ECG) | Provide orientation  Teach infection control precautions Show layout of the unit  Teach how to use basic equipment (thermometer, diaper scale, weigh- scale, saturation probe and ECG) |
| NG Feeds | Depending on policy, second person to check milk with RN and draw up milk  Parent can hold the feed Documentation of feeding parent flow chart | Double check milk with parent Double check volume of milk to be administered  Check position of NG/OG Hang feed  Documentation of feeds in nursing flow sheet |
| Oral feeds | As above Parent feeds | As above  Nurse feeds when parent unavailable |
| Mouth care (OIT) | Provide education and support about “oral immune therapy” (OIT) and mouth care | Demonstrate and support parent |
| Medication | Identify the purpose of routine medications  Administer approved oral medications under nursing supervision | Provide teaching on the indication of routine medications  For approved oral, check oral medication, dosage, patient, time and route  Supervise administration of medication  Record in infants chart  On flowsheet, specify medication administration by parent  Medications that need independent double check  Double check with another RN/practitioner as per hospital policy and chart accordingly |
| Skin-to-skin care | Discuss the importance of skin-to-skin and provide opportunity for as much as possible when with infant | Assist with preparation and learning of technique  Adjustment of oxygen as required and charting |
| Bathing | Perform safe practices around bathing  Parent charting | Teach, coach, and assist  Chart in nursing flow sheet |
| Dressing | Perform safe practices | Assist parents |
| Spells | Recognize spells Provide stimulation Call for assistance | Respond to parents call  Assess the situation and provide appropriate assistance to infant Document on nursing flow sheet |
| Monitors | Basic understanding of vital signs and alarm limits Reposition saturation probe and ECG leads  No manipulation of alarm limits  No silencing of alarms without nursing approval/awareness | Record hourly vital signs  Ensure proper position of leads and sat probe  Check tracing on monitor |
| Oxygen | Adjust low flow prongs on face No manipulation of oxygen | Manipulate oxygen concentration as indicated  Record oxygen on nursing flow sheet |
| Weighing | Proper weighing procedure Double check with nurse if out of keeping with usual measurements by more than 10%  Document on parent chart | Provide information, supervise and assist when needed  Document on nursing flow sheet |