**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 precautionsGet familiar with the layout of the unitLearn how to use basic equipment (thermometer, diaper scale, weigh-scale, saturation probe and ECG) | Provide orientationTeach infection control precautions Show layout of the unitTeach 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 milkParent can hold the feed Documentation of feeding parent flow chart | Double check milk with parent Double check volume of milk to be administeredCheck position of NG/OG Hang feedDocumentation of feeds in nursing flow sheet |
| Oral feeds | As above Parent feeds | As aboveNurse 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 medicationsAdminister approved oral medications under nursing supervision | Provide teaching on the indication of routine medicationsFor approved oral, check oral medication, dosage, patient, time and routeSupervise administration of medicationRecord in infants chartOn flowsheet, specify medication administration by parentMedications 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 techniqueAdjustment 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 callAssess 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 leadsNo manipulation of alarm limitsNo silencing of alarms without nursing approval/awareness | Record hourly vital signsEnsure proper position of leads and sat probeCheck tracing on monitor |
| Oxygen | Adjust low flow prongs on face No manipulation of oxygen | Manipulate oxygen concentration as indicatedRecord 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 neededDocument on nursing flow sheet |