

Learning Lessons from Case Discussion at TUG 21/10/13

1. In extreme preterm infants part of delivery suite management may include placing infants on an activated transwarmer to prevent inadvertent hypothermia
2. Guidance is available for placement and fixation of ET tubes (gestational age and weight)
3. Transport teams should not move extreme preterm infants with hypocarbia unless there is a recognised clinical need to do so
4. The judicious use of Carbon dioxide detection devices may prevent repeated reintubations, although they must be used with caution in babies of <1kg
5. Documentation must always be complete
6. The cot locator service must always be available Monday-Friday 9-5
7. Units should be aware that with small ET tubes (2.5mm), traditional fixation methods may not be adequate to safely secure a ET tube