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* PROCEDURE *

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NEWBORN SERVICES
(Scope)

TITLE: FEMORAL TAP, ASSISTING WITH

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to assist physician in securing sample of blood from femoral vein for testing.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: Physician's order is needed before blood is drawn.

EQUIPMENT:

1. 10 cc syringe
2. 21 or 22 gauge needle
3. Alcohol sponge/betadine swab
4. Appropriate tube or tubes, depending on test
5. Order entry for desired lab tests, labels printed from Zebra printer (or addressograph)
6. Toot Sweet 24% sucrose solution

CONTENT:	PROCEDURE STEPS:	KEY POINTS:
	1. Assemble above equipment.	Determine tubes to be needed beforehand.
	2. Unwrap baby and remove diaper to expose femoral site.	Keep baby as warm as possible.
	3. If newborn is alert and in respiratory distress, use Toot Sweet po before procedure.	Provides comfort to newborn during procedure.
	4. Securely hold baby while physician withdraws blood sample.	Circumcision board may be used if desired by physician.
	5. Apply pressure on site with alcohol sponge until bleeding has stopped.	
	6. Order appropriate lab tests in computer system.	
	7.. Label tubes correctly and send to lab with appropriate lab slips.	If unable to transport sample to lab, courier may be called.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Document procedure in computer charting.
2. Document pain level using NIPS scale in computer charting.