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NEWBORN SERVICES
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TITLE: BOARDER BABY PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to give boarder status to a baby in the Childbirth Family Center following discharge of the infant's mother.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: Boarder Baby--defined as a baby who is not discharged from the hospital, but the Mom is.

EQUIPMENT LIST: Cerner computer, Hugs/Kisses security system.

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:

KEY POINTS:

1. Call Registration to give diagnosis change and to admit as boarder baby. New face sheet and ID stickers with infant Name will be issued.
2. Complete EBC prior to mother's discharge.
3. The baby remains in his own crib in Mom's room or another room on unit or in Nursery and is cared for by the nurse assigned to the infant and parents.
Key Point: Mom may have a courtesy bed while baby is in the hospital.
4. If the baby is breast fed, encourage Mom to breast-feed the infant as often as she can.
Key Point: Unless otherwise indicated, the parents can care for the baby prn.
5. The mother will be instructed to continue wearing the identification bands for the identification process.
6. Security tag must be left on infant until discharge.