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Section 1 – Background

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District have paediatric inpatient units at St George Hospital (SGH) and Sutherland Hospital (TSH).

Children present and are treated in the Emergency Departments of each hospital.

Children requiring higher level care are transferred to the Sydney Children’s Hospital Network facilities at Randwick or Westmead.

Neonatal care is provided in the Special Care Nurseries at SGH, TSH and at the Royal Hospital for Women (RHW). Neonatal Intensive Care services are provided at RHW.

Section 2 - Principles

Paediatrics is a consultant led service – junior medical officers are not expected to follow online policies and formulate treatment plan independently. All clinical management decisions are to be made in consultation with senior medical officers, and this discussion and the clinical advice provided is to be documented in the medical record.

- Reference can be made to other LHD documents; however, compliance with these documents is not mandated as care is consultant led
- The Paediatric Improvement Collaborative (PIC) is a collaboration between Clinical Excellence Queensland, the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, Safer Care Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital (RCH). Refer to Appendix 1 PIC guidelines are endorsed to be used across NSW facilities
- The PIC collaborative enhances the quality of state-wide Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG’s) by 2nd yearly review and ensuring current best medical practice
The PIC guidelines can be used in all SESLHD clinical areas that provide care to Paediatric patients to guide safe, effective and clinically up to date practice for care of children. The guidelines can be accessed at <https://www.rch.org.au/clinicalguide/>
- Emergency Departments are guided by NSW Ministry of Health Guidelines and Policies, including the PIC collaborative – which are available for most paediatric presentations.
- Neonatal care is guided by RHW policies
- Facility business rules have been approved to guide operational processes (admission and discharge processes)
- Facilities are able to develop business rules to guide specific clinical conditions which are to be approved locally and referred to the Women’s and Children’s stream for ratification
- In the absence of a specific SESLHD paediatric medication policy, pharmacists may reference Sydney Children’s Hospital medication policies for guidance when dispensing medication for children
- The [ACI Paediatric Resource Hub](#) is a platform for access to the PIC guidelines and other resources and tools for paediatric care
- Access to the PIC guidelines can also be reached by using the link on the Paediatric Clinical Business Rules pages for St George and The Sutherland Hospital

- In the absence of senior clinical experience, it is inappropriate for junior medical staff to manage clinical conditions using guidelines and in the absence of consultant paediatrician input
- Paediatricians are readily available on site, or on call, to assist junior medical staff to make sound clinical decisions and oversee patient safety
- Paediatricians need to ensure they are approachable and can readily provide clinical supervision or support to junior hospital staff.

Revision and Approval History

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Appendix A: Identification of Paediatric Improvement Collaborative Guidelines

All PIC guidelines will have this badged as below for identification:

