



Intensive Care Nursery House Staff Manual

This manual, now in its eighth edition, is designed for use by the pediatric residents, interns and medical students who work in the William H. Tooley Intensive Care Nursery at UCSF Medical Center. Therefore, the recommendations in this manual are specific for the practices in that unit. If this manual is used in other intensive care nurseries, it must be revised and adapted to suit the circumstances in those units.

This is not a mini-textbook or outline of neonatology. The purpose of this manual is to assist pediatric house officers by providing:

- Guidelines for the initiate management of patients with conditions that require immediate attention
- Reminders to help them in their daily work
- Detailed instructions for performing procedures

There is little discussion of pathophysiology, which is covered in textbooks. Certain important and common problems are not covered at all. This particularly applies to most chronic problems, as they can be discussed on attending rounds.