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Ad hoc involvement from OHS IT, Nursing Education, NICU QM Committee

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Identified deficits to maximizing consistency of care and patient throughput:

- No policies in existence regarding maternal or infant screening
- No policies or algorithm(s) regarding the medical / non-medical management of NAS
- No nursing competency established regarding NAS scoring

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Develop policies to address maternal and infant screening for drug exposure

–Currently evaluating best practice submissions by participants in the VON NAS project for both maternal historical verbal and urine drug screening, and infant drug screening (urine, meconium, cord, or combination of these)

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Develop policy and treatment algorithm(s) regarding the medical / non-medical management of NAS

- Evaluation ongoing regarding standardizing the treatment of NAS from both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical approaches with policy development for both avenues of care
- Drug of choice: Morphine
- Second line drug of choice: ?
- Evaluating best practice submissions by participants in the VON NAS project and others for policy development

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Develop an annual nursing competency regarding NAS scoring

- Currently have various NICU Nursing Orientation Modules created internally for staff on variety of subjects including NAS
- Purchased DVD to improve inter-rater reliability
- Modify module with a focus on NAS screening
- Development of on-line annual testing for nurses to assess knowledge and inter-rater reliability of NAS scoring