

Develop & Implement a Policy for Identification, Evaluation & Treatment of Infants at risk for NAS

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Problem: No policy in regards to infants with suspected or documented exposure of potentially addictive substances in utero.

- Plan: Develop policy and guidelines for monitoring and treatment of infants with NAS

Problem: Inconsistency in scoring of infants with NAS

Plan: Improve Nursing comfort and knowledge level in providing care to these patients

- Descriptive handouts of items scored and how to score on Finnegan.
- Instruction on comfort and consoling measures (handouts)
- Mandatory yearly competency of NAS education

Problem: Lack of maternal/parental awareness / education of NAS at prenatal level.

- Plan: Develop educational / informational brochure to be distributed at the OB level during first prenatal visits. (Should be given to all women in child bearing age, ie some don't feel or realize that the substances they take are potentially addictive and can cause abstinence)