

SUDI Checklist for Nurses

The following checklist ensures many of the practical tasks that nursing staff may undertake after a SUDI. See also Key Points for Emergency Department Staff Involved in SUDI for the parent support aspects

Name

DOB

Affix patient ID label

CHI Number

Date

- Interventions such as ET tubes and cannulae can be removed but ensure position is confirmed and documented prior to removal
- Try not to wash infant, especially hands
- Attach identity bracelet to infant's wrist and ankle
- Infant's clothes and nappy should be placed in brown production bags and transferred to mortuary with infant (unless taken by CID)
- Complete Bereavement Discharge Summary
- Enter baby's details in pathology register (police details if relevant)
- Ensure all documentation, including checklists, has been completed
- Place notes in "held notes" to hand over to staff the following morning

Parents

- Ensure Bereavement Carer contacted (via switchboard)
- Offer parents information leaflets
 - Local leaflet
 - Support Organisation leaflets (eg Scottish Cot Death Trust (if appropriate))
- Ensure that every family is made aware of the Hospital's Spiritual and Pastoral Care Service. Ask if the family would like to see the chaplain
 - Contact on-call generic chaplain via switchboard
- Ensure parents have telephone number for hospital and name of person they should ask for
- Make sure parents have suitable transport home

Name

Signed

Date