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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Acute Management of Infants and Children with Suspected Bacterial Meningitis – Emergency Departments

This PCP relates to NSW Ministry Health Policy Directive	PD2012_065 Infants and Children – Acute Management of Bacterial Meningitis
PCP number	PD2012_065:PCP 1
Sites where PCP applies	All Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHD) Emergency Departments (ED)
Target audience	Clinicians in ED where children present and are clinically suspected of having meningitis
Subject	Acute management of bacterial meningitis in infants and children
Keywords	Acute, management, bacterial meningitis, children, infants
Replaces existing PCP?	Yes
Document number, name and dates of superseded document/s	NSW PD2005_383: PCP 1, PCP2, PCP3, PCP5, PCP6, PCP7 from May 2007
Related Legislation, Australian Standards, NSW Ministry of Health Policy or Guideline, NSQHS Standard/EQuIP Criterion and/or other, HNE Health Documents, Professional Guidelines, Codes of Practice or Ethics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NSW Health Paediatric Clinical Practice guidelines 	
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Summary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This PCP is a guideline in the assessment and management of bacterial meningitis in infants and children • It promotes evidence based practice in the clinical presentation, initial management and diagnosis of bacterial meningitis • This PCP provides guideline on appropriate disposition, transfer or retrieval based on clinical assessment and response to treatment 	
To be distributed to:	General Managers, Directors of Nursing, Paediatricians, NUM ED, ED Physician, Director of Medical Services, CYP&FCN Stream Leaders
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