

## PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATION OF INCORRECT BREASTMILK

### Background

- Expressed breast milk is provided by mothers for the exclusive use of their own baby. The administration of EBM to any other infant is a clinical error with associated clinical risk.
- Donor breast milk is available to be administered to infants following consent by the mother and/or father. This milk is provided by women who have been screened for infections that could be transmitted via breast milk. Donor breast milk is also pasteurised.

### Recommended Actions following discovery of incorrect administration of EBM

- Discontinue administration of feed and aspirate gastric contents
- Commence correct feed
- Inform nurse in charge
- Seek antenatal serology on donor mother (maintain confidentiality)
- Report incident on Datix
- Inform recipient infant's parents at earliest convenient time:
  - This may be in person or by telephone at the discretion of medical and nursing staff involved
  - Apologise for the error
  - Explain nature of potential risk and its magnitude
  - Offer further blood test on donor mother subject to her consent
  - Seek consent for blood test on recipient mother
  - Document in communication record in medical casenotes
  - Ensure parents are notified of outcome of any investigations
- Inform donor mother at earliest convenient time
  - This may be in person or by telephone at the discretion of the medical and nursing staff involved
  - Apologise for the error
  - Seek consent to take blood tests from her if agreed with the recipient infant's parents
  - The following blood tests may be taken being the same investigations performed on mothers wishing to donate milk for the donor milk bank:
    - HIV (contraindication to breast feeding)
    - Hepatitis B and C (low risk unless nipples cracked and bleeding)
    - Syphilis (usually only transmitted if there are breast sores)
    - HTLV 1 and 2 (contraindication to breast feeding)
    - CMV (low risk of clinical symptoms in infant)
  - All tests are performed locally and require a total of 2 gold-topped clotted 5ml samples.
  - Mother can be sent to phlebotomy laboratory in outpatient department (across from main entrance of hospital) between 08:00 and 16:45 with a lab. request form.
  - Document in communication record in medical casenotes  
Ensure mother is notified of outcome of any investigations
- Seek microbiological advice if any of the following return positive

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**CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH INCORRECT ADMINISTRATION OF BREASTMILK**

- Please complete **Datix** and **Box 1** below.
- Handover this sheet to a **BAND 7 before the end of your shift**, or place on BAND 7 desk in the office.
- **Please give a brief summary of the incident overleaf.**

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Date of Incident-</b>	<b>Time of Incident-</b>
ID of <b>recipient</b> baby-	Initials	
	DOB	
	MR number/NHS number	
	Mums initials	
	Mums NHS number	
ID of <b>donor</b> baby	Initials	
	DOB	
	MR number/NHS number	
	Mums initials	
	Mums NHS number	
<b>Informed Nurse in Charge?</b>	Yes/No	
<b>Name of Nurse in Charge</b>		
<b>Informed Consultant</b>	Yes/No	
<b>Name of Consultant in Charge</b>		

**RECIPIENT parents informed?** Yes/No  
When?  
By who?  
Opportunity to discuss further with Consultant given? Yes/No  
If yes, who?  
Consent for bloods obtained from **recipient** Mum? Yes/No  
Date bloods taken -  
Documented in Care Plan on Metavision?  
Yes/No

**DONOR parents informed** \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes/No  
When?  
By who?  
Opportunity to discuss further with Consultant given? Yes/No  
If yes, who?  
Consent for bloods obtained from **donor** Mum? Yes/No  
Date bloods taken -  
Incident documented in Care Plan on Metavision? Yes/No

**Information on which blood tests are required can be found in the TMBU policies in Medical Guidelines section under Gastrointestinal Care heading. The policy is called The Process for Dealing with Administration of Incorrect Breast Milk.**

**Please provide a summary of the incident, including how the error was noticed, estimated volume of milk administered, if the NGT was aspirated and any volume obtained, if the NGT was removed.**

