

Jaundice Referral From The Children's Clinical Decision Area (CCDA) Into The Children's Ambulatory Care Experience (ACE) Service

Neonate with jaundice who has been reviewed by a ST4/ ANP in CCDA and requires phototherapy for physiologic jaundice. The baby has been assessed as well AND has a referral bilirubin and parameters within ACE referral criteria (below) AND parents/ carers consent for home phototherapy

Call Children's ACE service on 01274 273354
Provide the latest bilirubin level (and when taken), the method of feeding and any concerns flagged up in the history or examination

Is there capacity in the Ace service?
Does the ACE nurse have capacity to come see the family on the unit?

Ensure parent/guardian has
A copy of children's ACE service information leaflet
Verbal safety-net advice
Consented to share information with ACE
The CCDA contact number

if parents/carers have been shown how to use Bilisoft by the ACE team, allow the infant home to await telephone contact from ACE within 2 hours of initial referral to arrange home visit .
If parents have not been shown how to use the bilisoft a time must be agreed between the parents/carer and the ACE nurse to meet at the infants home to set up the bilisoft prior to discharge .

	Appropriate referral parameters
Age	Gestation ≥ 36 weeks and < 2 weeks old
Respiratory Rate	40-60
Pre/post ductal saturations	>94%
Heart Rate	120 - 160
Conscious level	Normal
Temperature	36.5-37.5
Weight	< 10 % weight loss
Feeding	3 hourly feeding; 8 feeds a day, normoglycaemia
Stool	Changing normal coloured stool- NOT white/pale

Additional input given at home visit by ACE team
Support with feeding
Parental confidence-building
Monitoring effectiveness of treatment
Identifying deterioration
General health promotion e.g. smoking cessation advice

Exclusions:

- Suspected jaundice < 24 hours of age
- Prematurity ≤ 36 weeks gestation
- Weight loss $\geq 10\%$
- Neonates > 13 days
- Conjugated fraction > 25 $\mu\text{mol/l}$
- Infant with large cephalohaematoma
- First degree relative with Metabolic disorder
- First degree relative with liver disease
- Physiological parameters outside normal range
- Mother MRSA, C.Diff positive (or considered infectious from any other source)
- Family do not consent to undertake all safety checks and monitoring
- Risk of suspected sepsis