Crib Safety

*ISOLETTE, BASSINET AND CRIB SAFETY

Your Baby's Bed – Giraffe Isolette

- If your baby weighs less than 1600 grams, 35 weeks and/or is unable to keep normal body temperature, they will be in an isolette. They used to be called an incubator.
  - In our NICU you will often hear them called a Giraffe

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- Before you open the Giraffe doors, you will need to push a button that creates a "curtain of air" to help keep the heat and humidity inside the isolette while the doors are open
- We have two different versions of the Giraffe and both have a different type of button:

One has a button that you push and will light up when the curtain is on

Off

On

The other is a button that says "air boost" that will light up on the digital screen when the curtain is on

Digital Air Boost Button

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- When opening a Giraffe door to give care or spend time with your baby, please open the door carefully
  - To open the door: Turn the white tab to open the door
  - To close the door: Turn the white tab, gently place the door in the closed position and release the white tab
    - If you do not turn the white tab prior to closing the door, it will snap shut and can cause a loud noise that will startle your baby, or it may not shut

Use this button to open and close doors

Turn the white button **BEFORE** you push the door shut

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- All of your baby's supplies (diapers, washcloths, extra clothes, etc.) are kept in the drawer under the Giraffe
  - This drawer will slide open no matter which side you are standing on. Gently pull it towards you.

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- You can adjust the height of the isolette to make reaching in to care for your baby more comfortable
  - Change the height by pushing your foot on the up and down arrows
  - DO NOT push the other button to the right – this button quickly lifts the top of the Giraffe and should only be done by your healthcare team

Up & Down Arrows

Do Not Push This Button

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- When the top is up, the sides of the Giraffe Crib can be dropped down to allow you to reach your baby
  - The sides drop down by gently squeezing 2 tabs (one at each end of the bed) and gently pulling outward
  - **ANY TIME the side is down, you MUST stand in front of the side that is down if the baby is in the bed**
    - Do not walk away even for a second to throw a diaper in the trash to keep your baby safe

Operating the Giraffe Isolette

- When putting the sides in the UP position, make sure the latch on **both ends** of the bed is secure (See pictures below). If the tab is not securely latched you will see a bright orange or teal tab
  - Gently pull the side towards you to make sure it is safely latched

Proper Latch

Not Securely Latched

Pull Towards You to Double Check

Dirty versus Clean Areas of the Isolette

- The **HEAD** of the isolette is for **CLEAN** items including:
  - Pacifier
  - Oxygen tubing
  - Feeding tubing
  - IV tubing
  - Bulb Syringe
  - Thermometer (when being used)

- The **FOOT** of the isolette or the tray table at the foot of the bed is for **DIRTY** items including
  - Diapers
  - Diaper creams
  - Diaper wipes

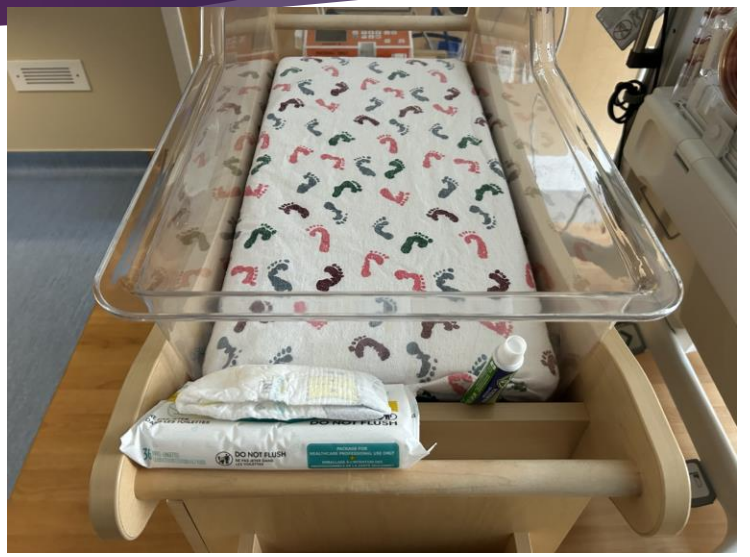
BASSINET SAFETY

- Please make sure the drawers are closed when you are not next to the bassinette to reduce tipping hazards
- There are not side rails or latches to worry about in this type of bed
- Baby's head goes on the side of the plastic basinet that is taller.

Dirty versus Clean Areas of a Bassinet

CLEAN area at the **HEAD** the of basinet

DIRTY area at the **FOOT** of the Basinet



DIRTY area at the **FOOT** of the Basinet

Pediatric Cribs

- Our bigger/older babies may be placed in a pediatric crib
  - Both sides can be raised up and down to make caring and moving your baby easier
    - To move up, gently hold the black handle, lift up, squeeze the handle and lift again
    - To move down, gently hold the black handle, lift up, squeeze the handle and lower the side either part or all the way down

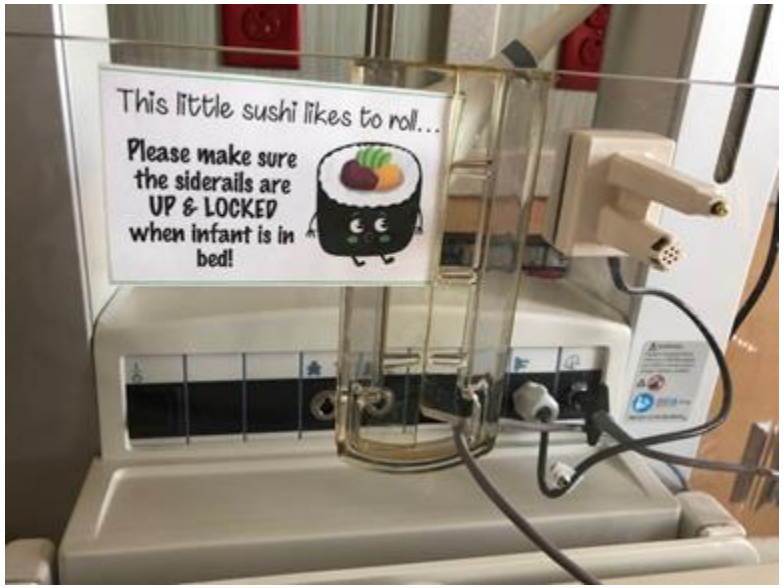
Pediatric Cribs

- **ANY TIME the side is down, you MUST stand in front of the side that is down if the baby is in the bed**
  - Do not walk away even for a second to throw a diaper in the trash to keep your baby safe
  - Always replace the side all the way up when your baby is in the bed and you are walking away

Dirty Versus Clean Areas of the Crib

- The **HEAD** of the crib is for **CLEAN** items including:
  - Pacifier
  - Thermometer
  - Feeding tubing
  - Oxygen tubing
  - IV tubing
  - Bulb syringe, suction
- *These items may be kept in a bag at the top of the bed when not in use, or placed at the top of the bed when in use

- The **FOOT** of the bed is for **DIRTY** Items including:
  - Diapers
  - Diaper creams
  - Diaper wipes
- *These items may be kept in a bag at the foot of the bed when not in use, or placed at the foot of the bed when in use

Bed Safety Signs

- Some babies move more than others. If we notice that your baby has started to wiggle towards the sides of their bed or are starting to roll (usually the older babies), you may see this sign posted on your baby's bed as a reminder to all of us to keep sides up and secure.
  - If you think your baby may need a sign, please let your nurse or developmental therapist know.