Group 1 Child abduction



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Child abduction -Definition

 The event an infant/Child is abducted or kidnapped from the hospital premises is called child abduction.

Risk Areas in Hospital

- Pediatric Wards
- PICU
- NICU
- Post Natal wards
- Pediatric OPD
- Labor room
- All other OPD's



Preventive Measures

- Instruction given to the parents/attendars should not leave their child / infant alone in the wards
- Patient should be oriented about child abduction in the hospital
- Methods to respond and report immediately
- Ensure ID Band is available all the time



Preventive Measures

- Separate security check in and check out measures to be done for males and females
- Unknown persons to be enquired
 - Regular CCTV Monitoring



- Code pink training for all concerned staff
- The Foot print of the baby should be recorded
- Only authorized staff member should be allowed to transport the infant/child within the facility
- Visitors Timings should be properly followed with visitors pass
- Establish a process to identify infants and parents such as ID Bands with UHID Number
- Periodic mock drills/training should be conducted





Child abduction-Code Pink-Action Plan

Search the unit for infant / Child secure the scene

Activate/Page Code pink by the concerned staff as per the training given (The entire system of coordination, communications, decisions & Actions)

(For Eg: Dial Emergency code number 1234 and announce "Code PinkPediatric ward....2nd floor...301.....Boy....2years...green dress...) " - Three times

Code pink team assembles

Immediately and simultaneously activates search of entire facility both interior and exterior

All gates in and around the premises will be closed

Assist nursing staff in establishing and maintaining security in the unit

If Infant /Child is found, Reconfirmation by the authorized person, announces "Code pink, all clear"-three times and child to be physically examined for injuries or abuse

Finally, Marked this as an incidence in the incident report form and Do RCA & CAPA

If Child/Infant is missing/not found, immediely Informed to nearby Police station through proper channel and also search within the 5kms radius by the liaison/concerned staff from the hospital.

