

Anaesthetic room

It was suggested that the hand over of patients needs to be standardised. Fiona said that she would ensure that it was consistent. Parents are now being asked to wear gowns in the anaesthetic room. There have been no difficulties with this.

Helen Passfield :- Fiona's

Oxygen Masks.

It was reported that the new oxygen masks are now being used and the children appear to prefer them.

Nursery staffing level

Dressings

There is still some use of very adhesive dressings. Alternatives were discussed and the paediatric protocol will be amended.

Sat + Sunday night 3 staff

Bloods

It was previously suggested that SHO's should have two attempts at taking blood from paediatric patients before seeking help from anaesthetic staff.

standard -

talk to surgeons + make staff

3. Developments**Tape after pre-medication**

The idea to play a story tape to children after pre-medication was not successful and has been discontinued. All patients will now be nursed in the cot/bed nearest the door, away from the play area. Parents will be encouraged to stay by the child but to leave them in bed. The aim is then for all children to go to theatre on a trolley. If a child is distressed then the anaesthetist will be informed and alternative arrangements will be made.

Video

A video from Holland was shown. It was decided that we should attempt to arrange a paediatric video for the unit. The possibility of this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cardiologists

It was suggested that Alison Hayes should be invited to represent the paediatric cardiologist.

Date of next meeting

16th February 1994 Seminar room level 7.