

PROTOCOL FOR: Diuretics: Care of the Infant Receiving

DESIRED PATIENT

- OUTCOMES:
1. The patient's fluid overload and pulmonary edema will be minimized.
 2. Patient's family will verbalize understanding of reason for diuretics.

CLINICAL
ASSESSMENTS

- AND CARE:
1. Accurate I&O.
 - a. *Report decreased urinary output.*
 2. Weight as ordered, monitor for excessive weight gain.
 3. Respiratory assessment including auscultation of breath sounds.
 - a. *Report changes in respiratory status.*
 4. Observe for edema (i.e., periorbital or peripheral).
 5. BP every 4 hours for first 24 hours after initiation or increase in dosage (mg/kg). Report any changes.
 6. Report any of the following: rash, vomiting, diarrhea, drowsiness, and hyperglycemia.
 7. Obtain serum electrolytes as ordered.
 - a. *Report electrolyte imbalances.*

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