

MISSION STATEMENT

University of Connecticut Health Center

Newborn Infant Services

The **primary mission** of the University of Connecticut Health Center's Newborn Infant Services is to provide state of the art, comprehensive care for sick or premature infants; and a nurturing environment for the optimal physical and developmental well being of the infants and their families.

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The University of Connecticut Health Center's Newborn Infant Services **will uphold the following values** in providing care:

- ◆ family centered and developmentally supportive care, with full disclosure of information and participation of the family;
- ◆ empathy and compassion in the use of efficacious medical therapies; and
- ◆ maintenance of human dignity during all aspects of care and treatment.

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Within the **scope of its mission**, the University of Connecticut Health Center's Newborn Infant Services will:

Patient Care

- ◆ provide care and consultation services for the critically ill and the recovering newborn infant;
- ◆ function as a regional referral center for all problems relating to the infant;
- ◆ facilitate stabilization and transport of the infant in distress from the community hospital;

Education & Training

- ◆ foster advanced learning and training for all health care professionals involved in newborn infant care;
- ◆ provide health care professionals with knowledge to open new horizons of inquiry;

Research

- ◆ maintain a current and up-to-date database;
- ◆ seek new scientific insights to develop better therapies for newborn infants and their families;

Community Service

- ◆ implement outreach education programs to promote fetal and newborn infant well-being; and
- ◆ be a community resource for families and health care providers.

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