

Why is my baby being transported?

Not all hospitals provide the same services. To get needed medical attention, your baby may need to move to a hospital that is able to provide a higher level of care.

Where is my baby going?

Your healthcare team will explain the plan for your baby. They will tell you:

- Why your baby needs to be transported
- The name of new hospital and physician, along with directions and telephone numbers
- When the transport will happen and how long it will take (though the times may change based on traffic or other factors)
- How the baby will be transported (for example, by ambulance, helicopter, or airplane)

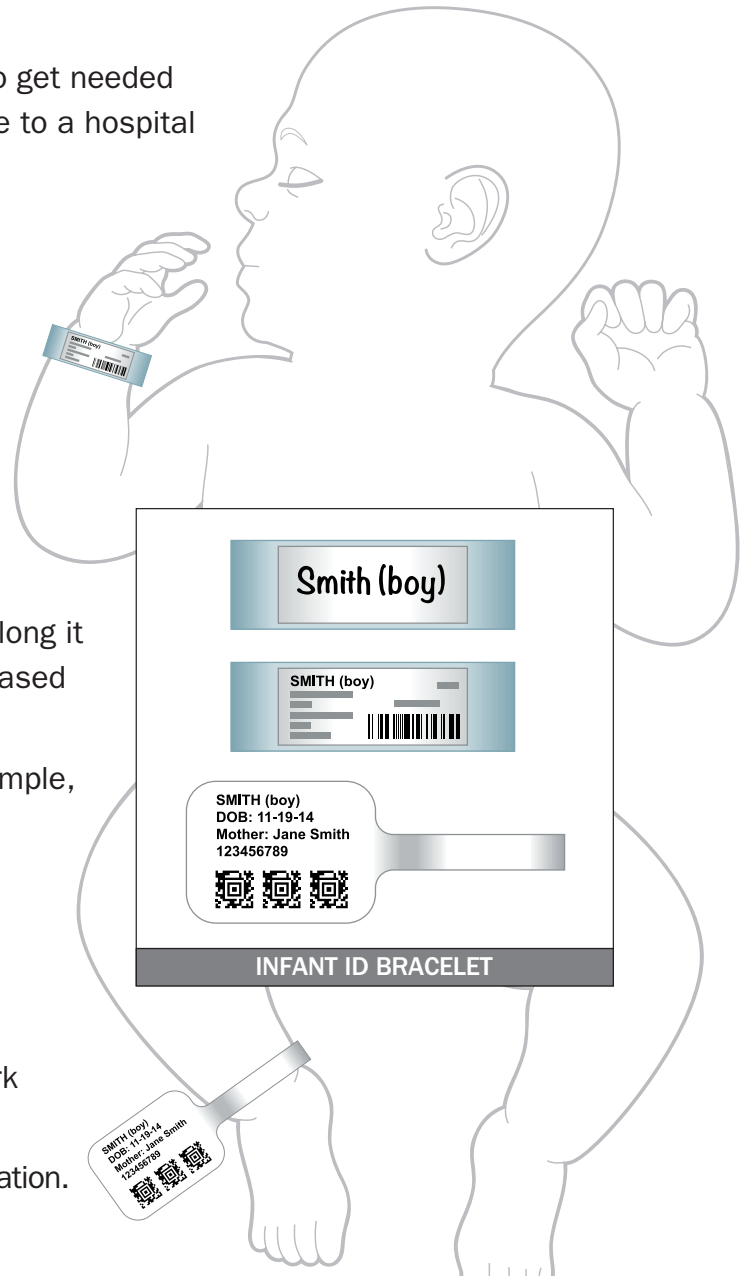
What do I need to do?

You will need to give your permission (sign a consent form) before the baby is transported. The healthcare team will provide the paperwork and answer your questions.

You will be able to see your baby before transportation.

Who transports the baby?

Babies are transported by specially trained medical teams. There will be at least two healthcare providers to care for your baby during the trip.

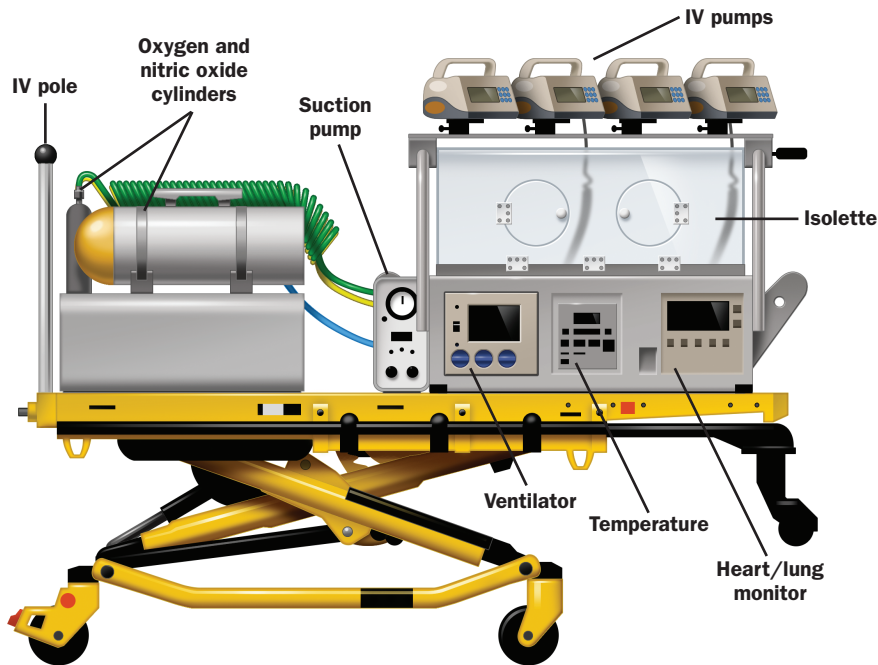


Your baby will wear an ID bracelet at all times.

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Will my baby receive medical care during transport?

The transport team will arrive with a “NICU on wheels”. During transport, the team can do many things that can be done in the new hospital’s NICU. The goal is to immediately provide this higher level of care to the baby.



Can I go with my baby?

Every situation is different. However, in most cases, only the baby goes with the transport team. Mothers, fathers, and other family members usually need to make their own way to the new hospital. A mother may need to wait until she is discharged from the hospital where the baby was born.

Being separated from your baby can be hard. Talk to the healthcare team about your concerns. It’s okay to ask questions until you understand what is happening with your baby.

Glossary

Heart/lung monitor – equipment that measures heart rate, breathing rate, and oxygen levels in the blood. Also called a cardiorespiratory monitor

Isolette – special environment used to protect babies in the NICU or during transport

IV pump – delivers medicines or fluids into a patient’s artery or vein

NICU – neonatal intensive care unit, a part of the hospital that cares for babies with medical problems

Oxygen saturation – amount of oxygen levels in the blood

Ventilator – a machine that helps the baby breathe by moving air in and out of the lungs

Ask the health care team when you have questions—they are there to help.

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