NEWBORN NURSERY (UNMC)

Contact: Joy Higgins (559-9280)  
*When to contact:* One month prior  
*Preceptors:* R. Fred Olney, M.D.  
*Where to meet:* Newborn Nursery (4th floor of University Hospital) at 7:00 A.M.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the newborn nursery rotation is to give the resident experience functioning as the primary care physician for all babies admitted to the normal newborn nursery on the Pediatric service at NHS University Hospital.

**Objectives:**

The goals for this rotation include but are not limited to:

- Continued study of newborn medicine,
- Improvement of communication skills with mothers and staff
- Developing small group teaching techniques

**Methods:**

Residents will be obtaining full obstetric histories, daily physical examinations, and organizing rounds with the pediatric faculty and medical students. All calls will be taken by this resident for the nursery during the day on weekdays.

The resident will work with intensive care nursery residents with regard to various newborn situations such as newborn resuscitation and care of well and recovering premature infants. There will be exposure to a relatively high risk setting because of our level three nursery at a university hospital. Close attention will be made to follow-up care after discharge using anticipatory guidance techniques and utilizing ancillary services such as social services and visiting nurses.

**Implementation:**

Residents will be expected to check out “A Normal Newborn Curriculum” from the residency coordinator and read the information presented. Daily review of written notes and critiques of presentations will be done to help the resident’s performance.

**Evaluation:**

Residents will be evaluated on their written notes, oral presentations, and discussions based upon the reading material.