

Facility	Do you have a standardized order for when PT, OT and ST consults are placed for infants in the NICN? If so, please describe.	What is your clinical guideline for age at admission and for setting the frequency of your treatment plan for infants in the NICN?	Does your therapy team have permanently designated therapists for the NICN?
ORG A	Yes – Orders for PT/OT/SLP are included in the order sets for all admissions. Therapy triages all orders and initiates care based on set criteria.	Essentially all infants are seen within 72 hours of admission unless they are >34 weeks at birth and do not need respiratory support for more than 48 hours, are AGA, and LOS is <4 weeks. There is no lower limit for age, i.e. we see infants from admission no matter how small. We determine frequency based on a rubric of bio-physiological and social risk factors (Laadt, 2007). # of disciplines involved are determined by the complexity of the patient. The PT, OT or SLP can serve as the primary developmental support specialist for most infants with consultation from other disciplines/increased frequencies occurring based on complications and complexities.	Yes, we have a dedicated team that only serves the NICU.
ORG B	No.	Based on the needs of the infant.	No, all inpatient therapists are trained to work in the NICU.
ORG C	Orders are submitted on all children for OT and PT following birth.	Services are started when child is medically stable and at least 48 hours old. Most typically between 32-34 weeks.	We have dedicated NICU therapy staff and have a few therapists trained for back up when needed for high census and vacation.
ORG D	Based on need and discretion of referring service. Exception: If there are problems feeding that might warrant an alternative/special needs feeder or alternative position for feeding ie sidelying position, then yes we request that they order OT before initiating that in the feeding plan and	Based on needs, no set protocol or guideline based on age.	Yes, therapists are designated to cover that area, but they may be covering other areas as well not solely in the neonatal ICU's.

	wait for the feeding assessment to be completed.		