

# Paediatric, Infant, Perinatal Emergency Retrieval (PIPER)

**Merging:** Paediatric Emergency Transport Service (PETS);  
Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS);  
Perinatal Emergency Referral Service (PERS)

In December 2011, The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) assumed responsibility for administering the Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS) and the Perinatal Emergency Referral Service (PERS). In addition, the RCH continues to coordinate the Paediatric Emergency Transport Service (PETS). Welcoming NETS and PERS to the RCH was an important step towards creating a single, state-wide emergency referral and retrieval service for Victoria's women, newborn babies and children. This new Service is now known as the Paediatric Infant Perinatal Emergency Retrieval (PIPER) Service.

*Dear PIPER Supporter,*

Each year in Victoria alone, more than 1,000 critically-ill babies require an emergency transfer from their birth or referring hospital to special intensive care units in Melbourne.

## PIPER Neonatal [formerly the Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS)]

PIPER Neonatal undertakes these emergency transfers round-the-clock using our highly skilled teams of neonatal intensive care doctors and nurses, who can rapidly travel to the hospital where the baby is located. Our mobility and specialized equipment allows PIPER Neonatal to give these extremely ill babies the same level of care as an intensive care unit, even if they're in a small country hospital (see statistical map below).

Once we've stabilised the baby at the referring hospital, we rapidly and safely transport the baby to an intensive care unit in our state-of-the-art intensive care transport incubator by road, fixed wing or helicopter.

As a world-leader in neonatal intensive care and transport, we are committed to providing the highest level of care available to our very precious patients.

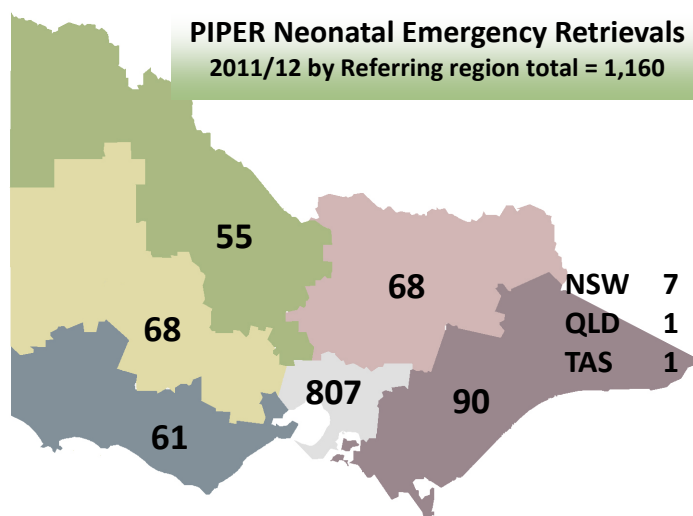
By completing and returning the donation form overleaf, you and/or your organisation will help us achieve our goal of raising funds to purchase additional vital equipment, so that we can continue to deliver .....

*"Intensive care for babies.*

*Anytime. Anywhere".*

Yours sincerely,

Ian Patrick  
Director (PIPER)



# PIPER Neonatal (formerly NETS) Fundraising Campaign

## Patient Monitor \$42,000

Displays heart rate, respiration, blood pressure & temperature.

## Environmental Monitor \$9,100

Detects escape of nitric oxide into ambulance cabin or aircraft cabin.

## Baby Respirator \$27,000

Provides mechanical ventilation for babies with severe lung disease or respiratory distress.

## Blood Gas Device \$37,000

Monitors O<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the blood.

## Infusion Pumps \$2,200 each

Used to safely and accurately deliver drugs and fluids to baby.

**KANE—\$ Absolutely priceless!!**  
(Just ask Mum and Dad!)

## O<sub>2</sub> Monitor \$650

Monitors oxygen given to baby

## Transport Incubator & Power Lifter—\$100,000

An Australian designed and manufactured world-first—especially designed for a multiple-transport environment (road ambulance, fixed wing or helicopter air ambulance). It provides a pre-heated humidicrib, ensuring that sick babies can be safely transported at optimal body temperatures.



## NETS Vehicle \$200,000

Transport team & baby.

## Intensive Care Transport Incubator System

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"PIPER, The Royal Children's Hospital, 50 Flemington Road, Parkville, VIC 3052" or fax to 03 9345 9038

Yes, we want to help PIPER Neonatal save tiny lives!

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We are willing to support PIPER Neonatal with a donation of \$ .....

Your gift over \$2.00 is fully tax deductible.

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Please make cheque out to:

"PIPER—Royal Children's Hospital Foundation Limited"

☐ **Payment by credit card**

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Payment Amount: \$ .....

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