Nursing Guideline Template

# Guideline Title

## Introduction

A primary definition of the guideline topic and a brief summary (in paragraph form) of any relevant background information. Maximum length 250 words.

## Aim

Clearly define the aim of the guideline

## Definition of Terms

Define any terms referred to in the guideline that are not commonly understood/ need to be clarified in the context of the guideline. Please note that approved abbreviations and common nursing terms do not need to be defined.

## Assessment

* Identify the patient group(s) to whom the guideline applies
* Physical Assessment
	+ initial acute
	+ ongoing assessment
* Investigations – biochemistry, procedures
* Social history/issues
* Education needs (patient and parent/caregiver)

Management (consider using clinical algorithms)

### Acute management

* Administration/application of intervention
* Safety initiatives
* Infection prevention and control

### Ongoing management

* Potential complications/complications
* Management complications/troubleshooting
* Education
* Discharge planning and community-based management
* Follow-up / Review

## Family Centred Care

* Consider family and discharge education

## Special Considerations

* patient safety alerts
* potential adverse events
* Instructions for a specific patient group (eg neonates)

## Companion Documents

* parent information (Kids Health Info)
* procedures
* assessment tools
* staff training and learning packages
* Related web sites (consumer, clinician)
* Parent support groups
* National / professional bodies

## Evidence Table