

PERICARDIOCENTESIS

This guideline does not override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make appropriate decisions according to the circumstances of the individual patient in consultation with the patient and/or carer. Health care professionals must be prepared to justify any deviation from this guidance.

The following National/Regional Guidance is adopted for use within the Trust

– [PERICARDIOCENTESIS Network Guidance 2025-28](#)

This guidance is for use by the following staff groups:

Neonatal Staff

Specialty/Department/Service

Neonatal

Accountable committee/group

Paediatric Governance Group

Approved for use date

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The table below highlights any sections of the national guidance, that the Trust has **not** adopted or unable to follow

National Recommendation	Local Variation	Alternative key document