UNC Children's Special Infant Care Clinic
Criteria for Referring Providers

If you have a patient you'd like to refer to the UNC Special Infant Care Clinic, please fax the referral to 984-974-7857. If you are within the UNC Health System, you may refer through Epic by searching for "Ambulatory Referral to Special Infant Care Clinic." If you have questions about whether your patient qualifies for SICC, call our Nurse Coordinator at 984-974-2447.

Criteria include:

- Birth weight < 1250 grams or gestational age ≤ 32w0d weeks
- Small for gestational age
- Grade III or IV IVH, PVL, hydrocephalus, bacterial meningitis
- Perinatal asphyxia (umbilical pH < 7.0, abnormal EEG, HIE and/or whole body cooling)
- Severe CLD or airway anomalies: discharged home on oxygen or with a tracheostomy
- IUDE requiring pharmacological intervention for NAS, complex social situations, and/or home hospice will be considered on individual basis
- Major congenital heart disease:
    - Utilization of cardiac bypass during surgical repair
    - Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
    - Pulmonary atresia
    - Tetralogy of Fallot
    - Total anomalous pulmonary venous return
    - Transposition of the great arteries
    - Tricuspid atresia
    - Cardiac surgery or catheterization before 30 days of age (adjusted age < 44 weeks PMA)
- History of ECMO
- Hyperbilirubinemia requiring exchange transfusion
- Neurologic disorders, hyper or hypotonia, or seizures
- Genetic disorders associated with neurodevelopmental delays
- Congenital infections
- Hypothyroidism
- Feeding difficulties requiring gastrostomy tube

Many of our patients will be co-managed by additional UNC Children's specialty teams. Consider if your patient might benefit from a referral to:

- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation – for infants with tone management or adaptive equipment needs
- Complex Care – for infants with complex care coordination needs
- Down Syndrome Clinic – multidisciplinary clinic for children with Trisomy 21
- Feeding Team – multidisciplinary clinic for children with complex feeding disorders

https://www.uncchildrens.org/uncmc/unc-childrens/care-treatment/neonatal/special-infant-care/
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