

Flowchart for Newborn Life Support 1

Delivery from a COVID-19 negative mother, or an asymptomatic mother not suspected to have COVID-19

The purpose of this flowchart is to provide practical, pragmatic advice to anyone providing assessment, stabilisation or resuscitation of newborn babies in the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Newborn life support is very different from adult resuscitation and this guidance is only applicable to newborn babies. It aims to provide evidence based advice where possible (accepting the evidence base is weak) and tries to avoid anxiety based medicine where practical (accepting that clinician safety is vital and the perception of safety is very important).

This flowchart is for delivery from a mother who is COVID-19 negative or asymptomatic and not suspected to have COVID-19. Please visit resus.org.uk for guidance on delivery from a mother with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, as well as other resources.

PPE Terminology

- FRSM** fluid resistant surgical mask
- FRDG** fluid resistant disposable gown
- PPE** personal protective equipment
- AGP** aerosol generating procedure
- FFP** mask filtering face-piece respirator (e.g. FFP3, N95 or equivalent)

Flowchart 1: Delivery from COVID-19 negative mother, or asymptomatic mother not suspected to have COVID-19

