

WORK SHEET FOR THREATENED AMA SITUATIONS

SCENARIO 1

At risk of imminent harm

CANNOT leave the hospital

- WHO TO CONTACT**
- CODE GRAY
 - Social Service (off hours pager 26803)
 - DCF for 51A and 51B
 - Office of General Counsel (857-282-2020)
 - Risk Management (617-264-3005)
 - Patient and Family Relations (617-732-7086)
 - Mother's attending obstetrician

- COMMUNICATE AND DOCUMENT**
- Attending Note in medical record:
 - rationale for the medical decision
 - the nature of the risk to the infant
 - summary of communication with the family, DCF, and OGC
 - Attending e-mail to the NICU Medical Director on call (NICU babies) or the Well Newborn Care Medical Director (well nursery babies)

SCENARIO 2

At uncertain risk of lesser harm

CAN leave hospital AMA

- WHO TO CONTACT**
- Social Service (off hours pager 26803)
 - DCF for 51A
 - Office of General Counsel (857-282-2020)
 - Risk Management (617-264-3005)
 - Patient and Family Relations (617-732-7086)
 - Mother's attending obstetrician

- COMMUNICATE AND DOCUMENT**
- Sign out from Attending to PCP
 - Fax Discharge Summary to PCP
 - Attending Note in medical record:
 - rationale for the medical decision
 - the nature of the risk to the infant
 - summary of communication with the family, PCP, DCF, and OGC
 - Recommendations for follow up
 - Attending e-mail to the NICU Medical Director on call (NICU babies) or the Well Newborn Care Medical Director (well nursery babies)

SCENARIO 3

At minimal or no risk of harm

Discharge as per family's request

- WHO TO CONTACT**
- Consider Social Service (off hours pager 26803)
 - Consider Patient and Family Relations (617-732-7086)
 - Mother's attending obstetrician

- COMMUNICATE AND DOCUMENT**
- Sign out from Attending to PCP
 - Fax Discharge Summary to PCP
 - Attending Note in medical record:
 - rationale for the medical decision
 - the nature of the risk to the infant
 - summary of communication with the family, PCP, DCF, and OGC
 - Recommendations for follow up

- CARE CHECKLIST**
- MA Newborn Screening
 - Hearing Screening
 - CCHD Screening
 - Jaundice Screening
 - Hepatitis B vaccine
 - Birth Certificate

The infant's attending physician may consult the NICU attending, NICU Medical Director, or Well Newborn Care Medical Director to discuss the level of risk for baby, if there is any uncertainty about which scenario is most appropriate for the infant as well as to provide support and assistance.