

 Platte Valley Medical Center	Facility Wide Master Perinatal	
	Name:	Infant/Pediatric Abduction
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POLICY STATEMENT:

To establish an effective policy that provides guidance in the event of an infant or pediatric (0-2 years) abduction from the Perinatal Unit.

All infants/pediatrics (0-2 years) admitted to PVMC come under the infant/pediatric safety and security policy, which is designed to provide an effective deterrent against abduction. All Perinatal staff are trained to educate infant/pediatric guardians about safety and security related to their infant/child.

Guidelines are provided for each department, their roles and responsibilities in the event of an alarm or potential infant abduction are outlined in this policy.

See attached – Infant Abduction Flow Chart

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY RELATED TO INFANT/NEWBORN ABDUCTION:

A. HUGS system alarms, the unit staff should immediately

1. Account for all newborns/pediatric patients in the department
2. View Hugs infant security monitor for infant location
3. See Hugs Infant Security System Policy

After confirming that a newborn/pediatric patient is missing the staff should immediately:

1. Dial **555**
2. State your location
3. The operator will page Security Alert: INFANT ABDUCTION – location followed by any description or other details overhead
4. Dial 911. Ask for an officer to respond immediately to the incident location and explain the situation to the dispatcher.

5. Hold over the scheduled unit staff if the incident occurred during the shift change. No one will be allowed to leave until the police have secured the area and questioned everyone.
6. Secure area
 - a. Return all infants/pediatric patients to their parents/guardian as indicated
 - b. Secure mother's room
 - c. Do not remove any items or clean area
 - d. Security/Plant Services staff will assist in securing area
 - e. See Section D.
7. Don't discuss the situation with anyone other than the authorities and administration.

B. Departmental Response:

1. When Security Alert - INFANT ABDUCTION is announced, each department should

immediately:

- a. Secure the exit door(s) closest to department. Staff members from any area should monitor unmanned exits until someone replaces them.

Department	Assignment	Location
Postpartum	Stair # 3 Post 1	3 rd Floor stair back of Post Partum
Labor and Delivery	Close security door on the way to Stair #2 Post 2	3 rd Floor stair by Triage
Med/Surg/Peds	Stair # 4 Post 3	2 nd Floor by Peds Rooms
Medical Imaging	Stair # 3 Door to Garden Post 1	1 st Floor adjacent to Medical Imaging Waiting Area

Medical Imaging	Doorway to Link	Between hospital and medical office building.
Emergency Department	Stair # 2 , Post 2	1 st Floor adjacent to vending machines
Emergency Department	ED Outpatient Door	ED Waiting Room
Human Resources	Stair # 4 Doors to Patio Post 3	1 st Floor front Admin corridor
Administration	Employee Entrance	Administration back door
Security – Plant Services (off hours)	Stair # 4 – secure 1 st to 3 rd floor before proceeding to event area.	1 st Floor front Admin corridor
Security – Plant Services (Mon – Fri 8a – 4p)	Proceed to the event	Event area
Front Desk or Registration	Front Door, Door by Chapel	Main Lobby
Out Patient Lab	Doorway to Link	Between hospital and Medical Office
Cath Lab	Alternate ambulance entrance (by Cath Lab)	External door – East Side
Performance Improvement	Employee Entrance	By PI Suite Door
Nutritional Services	South Patio Door	Patio Door near Bistro
Nutritional Services	Main Entrance	Entrance to Main Lobby
Laboratory	Basement Door Exterior Door	Basement Corridor
Materials Management	Dock Door	In Materials Warehouse
Information Services	Stair #2	Basement stairwell near elevators

b. Detain all hospital guests until authorities have arrived explain that the hospital is on alert and their cooperation would be appreciated. If persons will not stay do not attempt to physically detain them. Alert security and pay attention to description of individual, where they go and description of vehicle they may enter or leave in.

c. Do not leave exit doors until the police department has secured your area and you have been instructed to leave.

C. House Supervisor

1. Assists in securing areas
2. Activate Incident Command center if infant is not found after house wide search.

D. Security/Plant Services Staff Response

1. Security/Plant Services (PS) staff will immediately respond as outlined below to cover exits and observe anyone exiting.
2. Any person observed trying to leave will be questioned and asked to stay/step back into the hospital.
3. Director of Plant Services (PS) or designee will respond and validate the call.
4. A complete floor-to-floor check of the hospital will be conducted to recover the missing infant or child and to apprehend any persons involved in unauthorized possession of the patient.
5. A Security Officer or PS staff will be at the room/location of suspected abduction and secure that area to preserve evidence allowing no one to enter unless authorized by Brighton Police.
6. When additional security officer or Plant Services staff is available, review the CCTV camera DVR and assist Brighton Police with their review, as needed.
7. If infant found, cancel Security Alert - INFANT ABDUCTION, debrief after incident, and resume activities.

E. Test of the System and Mock Drill

1. The Director of the Women's and Newborn Center, Security and Plant Services will coordinate a periodic test of the system and schedule maintenance as necessary.
2. When a Security Alert - INFANT ABDUCTION drill is conducted; Security, Plant Services, Nursing, and observers will document, critique and make recommendations. These critiques will be prepared in written format and forward copies to the Emergency Management and Environment of Care Committees.
3. At no time shall the HUGS Security System be disabled without approval from the Director of Women's and Newborn Center, Security/Plant Services.