

Discharging babies with bronchiolitis from the ED



When to discharge

Rule of thumb: if the child is saturating & feeding well - safe for discharge
(Do NOT get hung up on RR)

Clinically stable



Adequate oral intake

Aim for:
>50% normal intake
>3 wet nappies / day

Persistently saturating at
>92% on room air (<6 weeks) or >90% (6+ weeks)

CRITICAL FACTOR = the Parent/Carer

Can they recognise the red flag symptoms?
Will they re-present if they are worried?
How far away from the hospital do they live?
Are they confident with being discharged?

Information upon Discharge

RED FLAGS:

- Working harder to breathe
- Fluid intake is <50% normal
- No wet nappies for 12 hrs
- Becoming more fatigued

Come back if these develop!

Don't forget an Information Sheet!



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