

## **Appendix 1**

Place patient identification sticker here

### **CHECKLIST FOR BABIES BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA**

(Use in conjunction with the WoS Neonatal Guideline on "Assessment & Management of Babies with Spina Bifida")



**Date done**

#### **Pre - op**

Cranial ultrasound

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Renal ultrasound

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FBC, biochem, G&S x 2

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Screening swabs

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Clinical photographs

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Inform urology team

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Inform orthopaedic team

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#### **Operation day**

Start vancomycin at 6 am

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Insert urinary catheter in NICU

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#### **Post – op**

Measure OFC daily

Stop IV antibiotics after 48 hours

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Start trimethoprim 2mg/kg

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Cranial USS 48hrs post op (then twice weekly until stable)

Urology nurse assessment	_____
Remove catheter once CIC started	_____
Start oxybutinin once CIC commenced	_____
Physio charting by day 10 post op	_____
MCUG	_____
Hip ultrasound	_____

**At discharge** (ensure all involved teams happy to discharge)

MDT pre discharge meeting including health visitor

Book appointment at combined spina bifida follow up clinic,  
timing determined by neurosurgeons

Renal USS / DMSA @ 3 months, clarify with urology team who  
should order these

If ongoing orthopaedic management for talipes / dislocated hips  
clarify timing of follow up

Refer to local Child Development Centre

No routine neonatal follow up (unless co-existing neonatal  
morbidity)