

Recommendations for action

For individual patients who have experienced an unplanned extubation, PICU staff team should:

- ✔ Identify likely cause of the unplanned extubation
- ✔ Assess whether the extubation could potentially have been prevented
- ✔ Form an action plan to reduce the risk of future unplanned extubations

PICU staff should continuously monitor unplanned extubation rates to:

- ✔ Identify potential risk factors
- ✔ Detect changes in rates that may be attributable to changes in practice
- ✔ Inform reviews of unit policy

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