

NBN INFUSIONS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

APNEA:	Pause of breathing.
CENTRAL APNEA:	A period during which the infant stops breathing.
OBSTRUCTIVE APNEA:	When the infant attempts to breathe but there is an “obstruction” to the airway, so that the baby is unable to breathe effectively.
PERIODIC BREATHING:	Occurs when an infant takes a few breaths, stops for a few Seconds, takes another few breaths, then stops again, Producing an irregular pattern of breathing
ARRHYTHMIA:	Heart rate irregularity.
BRADYCARDIA:	Abnormally slow heart.
CPR:	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Mouth to Mouth and Chest Compressions.
CYANOSIS:	Blue color skin.
DUSKINESS:	Slight blue or darkness color of skin.
ELECTROCARDIOGRAM:	EKG or ECG tracing of the heart.
FONTANEL:	Soft spot on baby’s head.
HYPOXIA:	Low level of oxygen in the blood caused by shallow Breathing or holding breath.
PALLOR:	Pale, very chalky white skin.
PRN:	Whenever necessary or as needed.
RESPIRATION:	Breathing.
REFLUX:	Food coming up in back of baby’s throat causing vomiting, coughing, or choking.
SIDS:	Sudden infant death syndrome. Crib death, unexplained death of an infant after autopsy.
TACHYCARDIA:	Abnormally fast heart rate.