

# Surveillance activities on this NICU

Helping to understand how important different bugs are on the unit and future infection prevention and control strategies  
[Date and Time of Activities]

## What are these activities for?

- Helping to understand the levels of bacterial colonisation on the NICU
- This information aims to help inform new ways to prevent infections in babies

## Who will participate?

- All babies on this unit on the day of surveillance activities
- If you would not like your baby to participate, please speak to [name/role]

## What will happen during these activities?

- Anonymous information about your baby's birth, antibiotics and medical procedures will be collected. It will not be possible to identify your baby from this information.
- Non-invasive swabs will be taken from your baby's skin to check for bacteria
- Poo samples from your baby's nappy will be collected to check for bacteria
- Skin swabs and poo samples will be frozen and shipped to a laboratory at the University of Antwerp in Belgium to look for potentially harmful bacteria

## How can I find out more information?

- You can speak to [name/role] on the unit
- Contact [Study Coordinator] at [Hospital Name] on [email/phone] for more information
- Contact our Local PALS Team: [Email/Phone]

