

Key Problem:

Acute Pain in the head

- Restlessness and consistent crying
- Verbal complaint of pain

INTERVENTIONS:

- Provide a cool compress for headaches
- Provide toys and games as a distraction
- Administer Figrastim (chemo medication) and analgesics prn for Ependymoma

Key Problem:

Risk for Injury

- Increased ICP, Vomiting and/or seizure activity
- Changes in gross & motor skills (weakness or paralysis)
- Changes in vision or LOC

INTERVENTIONS:

- Keep the bed or crib padded and dim the light and keep room quiet to decrease stimulation and reduce risk for seizure.
- Provide comfort with head elevated.

Reason for Needing Care:

Medical Diagnosis: Ependymoma & Immunocompromised.

Key Assessments:

Surgical line in the lower back of the head, visibly raised firm edge at the top of the head (synostosis) , 116/71 BP, 97.5 Temp & 97 bpm

Key Problem:

Risk for Infection

- Redness, swelling or purulent discharge from incision site
- Elevated temperature and low WBCs count.

INTERVENTIONS:

- Strict hand hygiene before and after touching the patient
- Neutropenic Precautions: limit visitors, no flowers in the patients' room, no shared equipment and no unwashed fruits or vegetables.

Key Problem:

Anxiety

- Difficulty sleeping & social isolation

INTERVENTIONS:

- Provide, encourage and teach relaxation techniques such as massages or deep breathing exercises.