**Follow-Up Appointment: Neurosurgery**

The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) team celebrates with you as your baby goes home! Because your baby is a NICU graduate, he or she is at higher risk for certain problems after discharge. That’s why your baby needs important follow-up appointments to ensure his or her best health.

Why does my baby need this appointment?

A *pediatric neurosurgeon* is a children’s doctor who is also an expert in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of nervous system (brain and spinal cord) problems.

Where is the appointment?

Name:

Street Address:

Phone Number:

When is the appointment?

o Date: Time:

o You will need to call the pediatric neurosurgery office to schedule your baby’s appointment.

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Important Things to Remember

* Each follow-up appointment with pediatric neurosurgery is important and is in addition to well-child check-ups with your baby’s primary care provider.
* If you are unable to keep this important follow-up appointment, please call to reschedule.
* Always take your baby for future neurosurgery examinations as directed by the pediatric neurosurgeon.
* Bring a list of your baby’s current medicines with you to the appointment. Make sure you tell the staff if you need refills.

*The above information is provided to help you better understand your baby’s care. Always follow the instructions given by your baby’s provider and ask questions if you have concerns about your baby.*

Online Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics

www.aap.org

Kids Health

www.kidshealth.org