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EVIDENCE-BASED CARE SHEET

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

What We Know

- › Use or abuse of psychoactive substances—including prescription and nonprescription drugs, alcohol, and illicit drugs—by a woman during pregnancy places her newborn at risk for neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS; also called neonatal withdrawal syndrome) (3,4,6,9,10,11,13,16)
- These substances cross the placenta and can cause dependency in the fetus; when fetal exposure to the substance(s) terminates at birth, the newborn is at risk for a spectrum of withdrawal manifestations (e.g., autonomic dysfunction, respiratory distress, gastrointestinal complications) that can necessitate prolonged treatment, intensive

NURSING PRACTICE & SKILL

Mechanical Ventilation: Troubleshooting

What is Troubleshooting Problems with Mechanical Ventilation?

- › To troubleshoot problems with mechanical ventilation (MV) means to respond urgently and appropriately to signs of respiratory distress and/or ventilator malfunction, and to correct the cause of the problem while maintaining ventilation and adequate oxygenation. For general information about patient monitoring during mechanical ventilation, see *Nursing Practice & Skill... Mechanical Ventilation in the Adult: Monitoring*, *Nursing Practice & Skill... Mechanical Ventilation in Children: Monitoring* and *Nursing Practice*