Infant Botulism Clinician Guidance

Call

Infant Botulism Treatment and Prevention Program at the California Department of Public Health

510-231-7600

Available 24/7

www.infantbotulism.org

If you suspect your patient has botulism, call immediately. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.

The on-call physician will provide a no-cost clinical consultation and release BabyBIG treatment if the patient's clinical findings indicate infant botulism.

Call the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) to report the suspected case, obtain testing approval, or for clinical consultation.

502-564-3418

1-888-9REPORT (after-hours)

Treat

Prepare and administer BabyBIG as soon as it is received. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation.

Be prepared to provide the following information to KDPH:

- Provider name, facility, and phone number
- Patient name, DOB, and county of residence
- Brief History and Physical (H&P)
- Signs/symptoms, onset date
- Parents' names and phone numbers
- Any high-risk exposures for botulism
- Recent vancomycin or anticholinesterases
- Differential diagnoses under consideration

Test

Submit specimens for diagnostic testing through the Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services (DLS). All patients receiving BabyBIG must be tested.

DLS will not accept specimens unless BabyBIG has been released and testing has been approved by the KDPH Division of Epidemiology.

Collect specimens for testing immediately, preferably before infusion of BabyBIG.

Questions about testing (specimen collection, packaging, shipping, ordering through Outreach) and reporting should be directed to KDPH.

Receive

DLS will report results through Outreach.

Testing can take several days. If you do not hear back within 5 days, contact KDPH.

Under 902 KAR 2:020:

- Botulism is urgently reportable to KDPH within 24 hours.
- Submission of a clinical isolate or direct specimen to DLS for botulism testing is required.
- Providers must contact KDPH immediately upon diagnosis of a suspect case of infant botulism to coordinate specimen testing, and so that public health agencies may begin a public health investigation.

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