GLOBAL UPDATE

CPR with compression to ventilation ratio of 30:2 while two rescuers (usually healthcare professionals) should use a ratio of 15:2. Neonates who will almost certainly be anoxic, still need a ratio of 3:1. The guidelines can be downloaded from www.erc.edu and www.

resus.org.uk. (BMJ 2005; 331: 1281-1282).

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Pedscapes

Child Friendly Healthcare Initiative - www.childfriendlyhealthcare.org

This is an international initiative aimed at making hospital/clinic visits more pleasant for children. The initiative recommends 12 standards that are required by every child friendly healthcare institution. It focuses on reducing the fear, decreasing the mortality and improving the child's overall experience of healthcare. Their publications, standards, objectives, assessment process and assessment tools are available from the website. International Network of Pediatric Surveillance Units - www.inopsu.com

This is a collaborative organization that conducts surveillance on uncommon pediatric diseases. The network involves 14 countries and 8000 clinicians and has 180 diseases in its database. The website contains a list of their publications and the studies in progress.

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