

Baby Capsules Replacement in NSW Hospitals

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REPLACEMENT OF BABY CAPSULES IN NSW HOSPITALS

During the period from February 1993 to February 1995 the NSW Department of Health undertook a replacement program to upgrade "velcro-style" restraint capsules to a five-point safety enhanced baby capsule and all public hospitals and associated services should be utilising the five point safety type capsule.

It is requested that public hospitals ensure that all "velcro-type" capsules have been removed from use and that only the five point safety enhanced baby capsule is now in use.

The NSW Department of Health baby capsule replacement program provided the five point Britax Child Care Products Pty Ltd "Safe n Sound" capsule model 2040 which complies with Australian Standard AS1754 - 1991 – Child restraint systems for use in Motor Vehicles.

Please ensure that this circular is brought to the attention of appropriate hospital staff, community health centres or other organisations that utilise the public hospital loan system for baby safety capsules.

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