

## Acknowledgement Form for Transport and Treatment by the IPATS team

1. I hereby acknowledge that the Irish Paediatric Acute Transport Service team will conduct this transport. I understand that my child will be transferred by:  
  
Ground Ambulance                       Helicopter                       Fixed Wing Aircraft
2. I understand the associated risks with transportation (see below list)
3. I understand the opinion of the referring and accepting Consultant that my child's condition justifies transfer and admission to Children's Health Ireland@ Temple Street / Crumlin / Other
4. I understand that the IPATS team will continue to treat my child and perform any medical, surgical or nursing procedures they deem necessary for my child's safety and welfare during the transfer period
5. I understand that any medical information and records relevant to my child's care will be disclosed from the referring team to the IPATS team and from the IPATS team to accepting team in Children's Health Ireland

Guardian Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
(See reverse for clarification on Guardianship if required)

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpreter Statement:** I have interpreted to the best of my ability the information contained in this acknowledgment form and have relayed it to the above-named Guardian in a way I believe they can understand

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

### Risks of Transportation

The risks of transportation include but are not limited to the following:

- Failure of medical equipment, aircraft or vehicle
- Traffic hazards
- Adverse weather conditions
- Possible worsening of my child's condition either prior to during transport or the interruption of medical treatment during transportation
- Pilot or Driver error

These risks may delay or prevent transportation or result in the transport plan and/or care plan being revised.

## Guardianship

- Where parents are married, the child's mother and father are the legal guardians
- Where a child has been jointly adopted, the adoptive parents are the child's legal guardians.
- Following a separation or divorce, both parents remain the child's legal guardian even if the child is not living with them and they have not been awarded custody of the child.
- Where the child's parents are not married:
  - The child's mother is an automatic legal guardian
  - The child's father is an automatic legal guardian if he has lived with the child's mother for 12 consecutive months including at least 3 months with the mother and child following the child's birth.
  - This provision is not retrospective, so guardianship will only be acquired automatically where the parents live together for at least 12 months after 18 January 2016.
  - The mother and father of the child may make a statutory declaration to the effect that they agree to the appointment of the father as legal guardian.
  - Where the father has been appointed legal guardian by the court.
  - Will or Deed: a testamentary guardian is a person who has been appointed guardian by will or deed.