Open Spina Bifida Fetal Surgery: Post-natal Pathway (Neonatal)

Admission to SCBU

Day 0
- Wound review and photograph (with parental consent) (please also send to fetal surgery centre)
- Neurosurgery review of spinal wound and documentation of neurology
- Indwelling catheter until MCUG
- In non-paediatric neurosurgical setting arrange for review at regional paediatric neurosurgical spina bifida unit

Inpatient
- Cranial USS and daily OFC
- Repeat cranial USS prior to discharge and at two weeks (earlier if clinical concern)
- US urinary tract
- US hips
- Physiotherapy review and muscle charting
- VP shunt if required at discretion of local team

Discharge from hospital
Prophylactic trimethoprim pending MCUG at 6 weeks

Six weeks follow up
- MCUG
- USS cranial/ renal
- MRI brain and spine before 3 months if feasible

Three months follow up
- Natural fill urodynamics
- USI
- DMSA
- Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development

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