This checklist covers management of a child following stabilisation and awaiting retrieval in a referring hospital. 

This checklist should be used in conjunction with discussions with the SORT consultant, SORT drug calculator and disease-specific and procedural guidelines found on the SORT website.

### Airway
- Intubate (see ‘Intubation check list’)
- Secure endotracheal tube (see ‘ETT securing guideline’)

### Breathing
- Full monitoring (End tidal CO₂ & saturations)
- CXR after intubation (ETT, NGT, line positions)
- Ventilation parameters will vary depending on pathology (see ‘Initiation of Ventilation During Stabilisation Guideline’ and ‘Trouble Shooting Ventilation Guideline’)
- Recent blood gas (arterial/venous or capillary)
- Secretion clearance if needed (preferably inline suction) (see ‘Secretion Clearance in the Intubated Child Guideline’)

### Circulation
- Full monitoring (ECG & NIBP cycling 3-5 mins)
- Ensure 2 patent and well secured cannula
- Arterial line if required (D/W SORT consultant)
- Central Line if requiring inotropes
- Appropriate treatment of shock with fluid/inotropes/vasopressors (see ‘Sepsis Guideline’ and/or ‘Management of the Collapsed Neonate Guideline’)
- Discuss haemodynamic targets with SORT
- Check blood gas for lactate & base deficit

### Disability/Neurology
- Adequate sedation (Morphine and Midazolam Infusions 20-80microgram/kg/hour for most cases or propofol 1-4mg/kg/hr (d/w SORT)
- Regular paralysis with Rocuronium 1mg/kg boluses
- Check pupillary responses regularly
- Appropriate neuroprotection for intracranial pathologies (e.g. meningitis, brain injury, blocked VP shunt) (See ‘Traumatic Brain Injury Quick Reference Guideline’ for generic neuroprotection measures)

### Exposure
- Target normothermia (consider antipyretics)
- Urinary catheter on drainage
- NG tube position confirmed, on free drainage
- Reposition 3-hourly to prevent pressure sores
- Ensure eyes kept closed (may need taping)
- Body map any relevant markings/injuries

### Fluids
- Nil by mouth & NG tube aspirated
- Monitor blood sugar & correct hypoglycaemia
- Appropriate maintenance fluid commenced
- Monitor fluid balance

### Administration
- SORT drug calculator printed
- Photocopy of:
  - Medical notes
  - Nursing notes
  - Medication & fluid charts
  - Blood & gas results
  - Relevant microbiology results
  - Recent clinic letter for long term patients
- Image link relevant radiology images to UHS/OUH as appropriate
- Relevant referrals to local safeguarding teams made (if appropriate)
- Update to SORT with current location of child (if moved)
- Parents updated with progress
  - Note, please check with SORT if a parent can travel in the ambulance/air craft before promising this to the family

Phone advice is always available from the SORT consultant on 023 8077 5502