
Labor & Delivery Standard Intents

L&D.1 Qualified physician is responsible for managing the obstetrics department.

- L&D.1.1 The head of the obstetrics department is an obstetrician qualified by education, training, and experience.
 - L&D.1.2 The head of the obstetrics department supervises the development and implementation of policies and procedures related to gynecology and obstetrics practices.
 - L&D.1.3 The head of the obstetrics department enforces the implementation of infection control guidelines inside the operating and recovery rooms.
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Standard Intent:

The head of obstetric department is a qualified obstetrician holding Saudi board or equivalent by education, training, and experience. He is responsible also for drafting the department services policies and procedures related to obstetrics and gynecology and its implementation throughout the hospital including infection control guidelines inside the operating and recovery rooms.

L&D.2 The obstetrics department has adequate medical coverage by qualified medical staff.

- L&D.2.1 A qualified obstetrician is physically present in the delivery room twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
 - L&D.2.2 Obstetricians are certified in advanced life support in obstetrics (ALSO) or at least one certified obstetrician is assigned on every shift.
 - L&D.2.3 A qualified pediatrician/neonatologist attends all caesarean section deliveries.
 - L&D.2.4 Pediatricians' rosters identify the physician to be called in emergencies.
 - L&D.2.5 Pediatricians are certified in neonatal resuscitation program (NRP).
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Standard Intent:

The obstetric services are provided to patients around the clock by adequate, qualified and experienced staff present physically. The obstetrician should be certified in ALSO or a certified one should be present in each shift at least. All caesarean section deliveries should be attended by a qualified pediatrician/neonatologist who is certified in NRP and rosters should clearly identify the pediatrician on call during emergencies.

L&D.3 Qualified nurse manager supervises midwifery and nursing services in the obstetrics department.

- L&D.3.1 The nurse manager in charge of the obstetrics department is a qualified registered nurse with education, training and experience in obstetrics.
 - L&D.3.2 The nurse manager ensures the competency of the midwives and nursing staff.
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Standard Intent:

The nursing and midwifery services in the obstetric department are supervised by a qualified, registered nursing manager through education, training, and experience, she is also responsible for ensuring that midwifery and nursing staff are competent.

L&D.4 The obstetrics department has adequate coverage by qualified midwifery and nursing staff.

L&D.4.1 Nursing staffing plan is based on patient volume and patient acuity and ensures adequate coverage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

L&D.4.2 Nurses working in the obstetrics department have adequate experience in obstetrics.

L&D.4.3 Nurses working in the obstetrics department are certified in neonatal resuscitation program or at least one certified nurse is assigned on every shift.

L&D.4.4 Midwives are registered and are qualified by education, training, and experience in labor and delivery.

Standard Intent:

The nursing and midwifery services in the obstetric department are offered by a sufficient number and experienced midwifery and nursing staff matching patient's volume and acuity around the clock. Nurses should be certified in neonatal resuscitation program or a certified one should be present in each shift, also midwives should be qualified by education, training, and experience in labor and delivery and have valid SCFHS registration.

L&D.5 The obstetrics department has admission and discharge criteria.

L&D.5.1 The obstetrics department implements specific criteria for admission and discharge.

L&D.5.2 The criteria are collaboratively developed by obstetricians and other relevant departments.

L&D.5.3 The criteria are based on the gestational age of mothers, department's design, and available resources.

Standard Intent:

There must be an admission and discharge criteria for the obstetrics department. The criteria are collaboratively developed by obstetricians and other relevant departments and are based on the gestational age of mothers, department's design, and available resources.

L&D.6 Policies and procedures guide the care of women in labor.

L&D.6.1 There are policies and procedures to guide the care of women in labor including, but are not limited to, the following:

L&D.6.1.1 Assessment and re-assessment of women in labor, including immediate postpartum care and criteria for discharge from delivery room.
