

STANDARDS

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.