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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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- L&D.6.1.2 Management of Ante-partum and post-partum hemorrhage.
  - L&D.6.1.3 Augmentation of labor and the use of oxytocin.
  - L&D.6.1.4 Use of partogram for woman in labor.
  - L&D.6.1.5 Caesarian section, repeated caesarian section, and emergency hysterectomy.
  - L&D.6.1.6 Management of fetal distress.
  - L&D.6.1.7 The use of sedation.
  - L&D.6.1.8 The use of cardio-tocography.
  - L&D.6.1.9 The use of episiotomy.
  - L&D.6.1.10 Induction of labor.
  - L&D.6.1.11 Pain relief and regional anesthesia.
  - L&D.6.1.12 Management of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.
  - L&D.6.1.13 Management of the diabetic patient in labor and postpartum.
  - L&D.6.1.14 Suppression of pre-term labor.
  - L&D.6.1.15 Management of multiple births.
  - L&D.6.1.16 Management of abnormal positions and presentations.
  - L&D.6.1.17 Instrumental vaginal delivery.
  - L&D.6.1.18 Management of premature rupture of membranes.
  - L&D.6.1.19 Management of un-booked deliveries.
  - L&D.6.1.20 Neonatal identification and the immediate assessment and resuscitation of the new born.
  - L&D.6.1.21 Infection control measures in labor and postpartum.
  - L&D.6.1.22 Breast feeding.
- L&D.6.2 The policies and procedures are collaboratively developed by obstetricians, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, delivery room nurses and midwives, and other staff as needed.

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**Standard Intent:**

There must be policies and procedures to guide the care of women in labor including, but are not limited to all elements in sub-standards L&D.6.1.1- L&D.6.1.22. The policies and procedures are collaboratively developed by obstetricians, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, delivery room nurses and midwives, and other staff as needed.?

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**L&D.7 The obstetrics department has adequate resources that support the provision of safe care.**

- L&D.7.1 The obstetrics department has equipment, medications, and tools that meet the needs of patients, including: