

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.
 - 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.

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:
- L&D.7.1.1 Cardio-tocography machines (at least one capable of simultaneous recording of twin fetal hearts).
 - L&D.7.1.2 Automated blood pressure monitoring machines.
 - L&D.7.1.3 Pulse oximetry.
 - L&D.7.1.4 Appropriate delivery bed.
 - L&D.7.1.5 Intravenous infusion pumps.
 - L&D.7.1.6 Adequate light source appropriate for surgical care.
 - L&D.7.1.7 Specific obstetric instruments such as amnihooks, vacuum extractor and obstetric forceps.