

Code Pink – Obstetrical Emergency

Site Applicability

St. Paul's Hospital, Maternity & all Off-Service locations

Practice Level

The Code Pink Obstetrics Team is comprised of:

- Obstetrician and senior Resident on call
- Pediatrician on call
- Anesthetist, Resident, and assistant on call
- Operating Room Charge Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- Perinatal RN (Maternity)
- Neonatal RN (NICU)

Need to Know

Calling a "Code Pink Obstetrics" ensures fast and accurate communication to obtain immediate medical intervention in an obstetrical emergency.

If a patient has a Code Blue while pregnant, in all off-service locations other than the Emergency Department, please call 7-1-1-1 to initiate the overhead page concurrently to expedite both response teams.

- **will be called as "Code Blue AND Code Pink Obstetrics – SPH Location"**

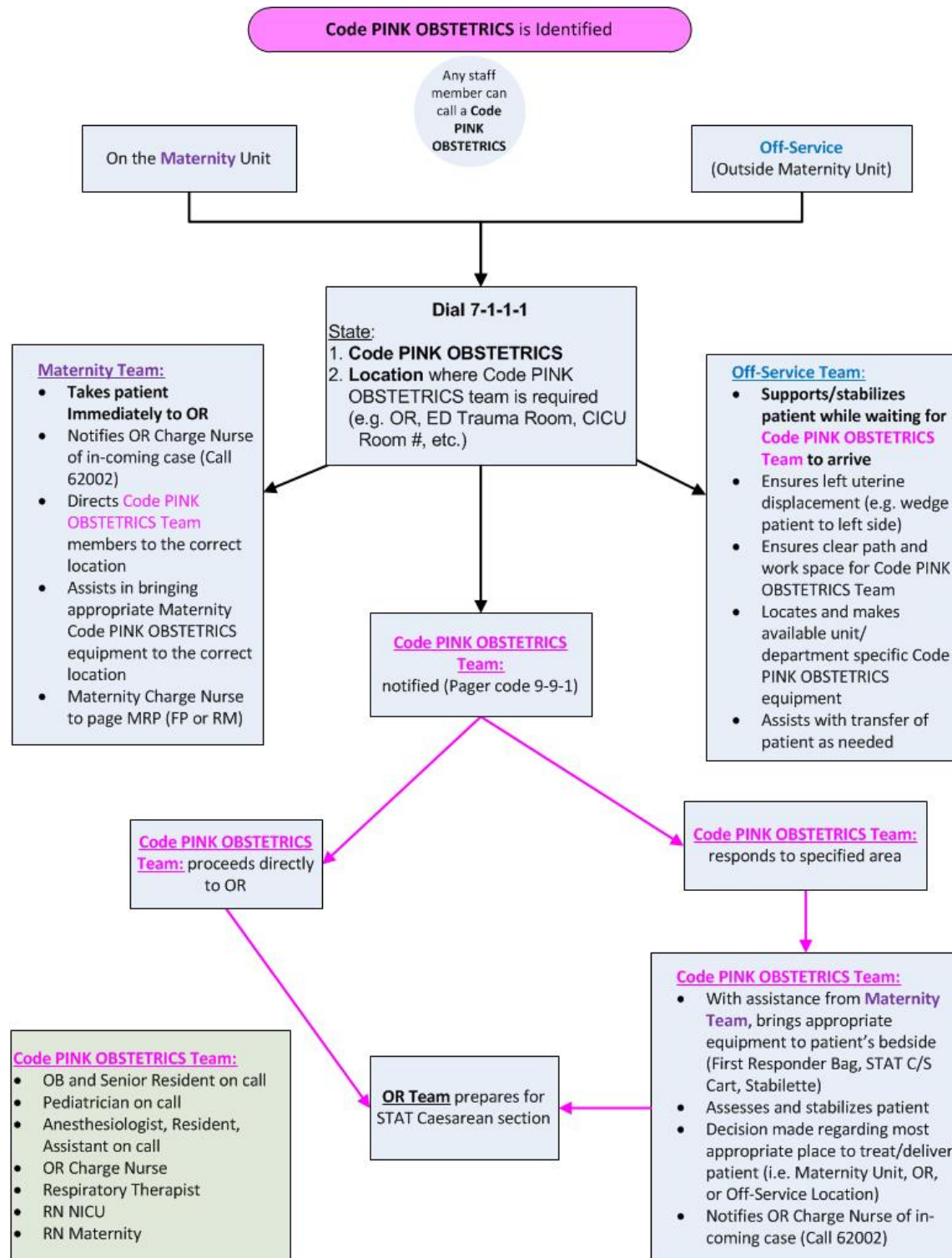
An obstetrical emergency requiring a "Code Pink Obstetrics" is defined as:

- Umbilical cord prolapse
- Severe Antepartum hemorrhage with accompanying signs of abnormal fetal heart rate (i.e. placenta previa, placenta abruption)
- Uterine rupture
- Imminent delivery of breech presentation or twin pregnancy
- Abnormal Fetal Health Surveillance requiring immediate delivery
- Code Blue for Maternal patient – requiring immediate delivery for stabilization

NOTE – CODE PINK NEONATE – is for a neonatal respiratory distress response.

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Equipment and Supplies

- **COVID-19 Preparation:** All Maternity, NICU and Operating Room Team members should each have one N95 mask with them in preparation for a potential conversion to a General Anesthetic for the Code Pink Obstetrics delivery, either in the off-service location or more likely in the OR. Alternatively, the team should be aware of location of additional PPE.
- **Please see updated information** http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19_IPCProtocolSurgicalProceduresObstetrical.pdf

In Maternity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the patient on the bed to the OR 	OFF-SERVICE at SPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Team to bring required equipment and supplies from Maternity to the indicated location <p>Some planned OFF-SERVICE ADMISSIONS will have prepared supplies at the bedside. This will be indicated on the Maternity Unit communication board</p>
OR EQUIPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Pink Obstetrics dedicated Stabilette • Code Pink Obstetrics dedicated Electronic Fetal Monitor • Neonatal Emergency Cart • Massimo Rad 7 – Oximeter 	
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stat SVD (spontaneous vaginal delivery) kit • Modified perimortem C/S (Caesarean section) kit (tray & scalpel) • Neopuff – located on a stand • Respiratory Therapy Kit – neonatal box / Neonatal Ambu-bag • Oxytocin 10 units - IM preparation 	

Documentation

- After the Code Pink Obstetrics – Complete back charting as necessary
 - Nursing Narrative Note – noting the OB emergency precipitating the Code Pink Obstetrics
 - Delivery Data
 - Newborn Delivery Data
 - Stages of Labour
 - Correct infusions – chart up to the point of pre-op / pre-Anesthesia
- PSLS Patient Safety Event Report

Related Documents

1. [SPH Emergency Preparedness - Code Pink-Obstetric Emergency](#)
2. [B-00-07-10035](#) - Caesarean Section Classification and Timelines
3. [B-00-12-10038](#) - Cesarean Section: Urgent and Emergency Patient Preparation

References

Vancouver Coastal Health, Code Pink-Obstetrical Emergency Guideline, September 2018.

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