

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES**

**B-00-07-10018 – Maternal Readmission**

### **Maternal Readmission to Maternity Centre: Criteria**

**Site Applicability:** St. Paul's Hospital only

#### **Related Documents:**

1. [B-00-07-10024](#) – Maternity Services: Care Approach for Patients Admitted to Other Programs

**Skill Level:** Basic - Obstetrics, Family Practice, Pediatrics, Midwifery, Nursing

#### **Policy:**

For patients requiring readmission to hospital for OBSTETRICAL ISSUES within 14 days of the delivery of their infant, every effort will be made to readmit the woman to the maternity centre.

#### **Need to Know:**

Following 14 days post partum and for issues that are medical or surgical in nature, an assessment should be made to determine where the most appropriate care can be provided to the patient. For example, a woman being readmitted for treatment of a pulmonary embolus may be best cared for on the medical ward. Likewise, a woman being readmitted for surgery related to her bowel or appendix at three weeks post partum is best cared for on the surgical ward.

If bed availability and diversion are an issue in the Maternity Centre, and the reason for readmission is medical or surgical in nature, admission should be facilitated outside of the Maternity Centre to enable maternal bed availability for laboring women.

#### **Expected Outcomes**

Women requiring readmission to hospital following childbirth will be triaged and cared for in the most appropriate bed / unit available.

#### **Practice Guidelines:**

#### **Procedures/Interventions**

- Admit the mother /patient to the most appropriate unit for her care needs.
- If the patient is admitted outside the Maternity Services program, the maternity care team will help support all clinical areas

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