

INTERDISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

B-00-07-10024 – Patients Admitted to Other Programs

Maternity Services: Care Approach for Patients Admitted to Other Programs (e.g. ICU, CCU, Medicine, Surgery, Mental Health.)

Skill Level:

Obstetrics, Family Practice, Pediatrics, Midwifery, Nursing (RN)

Policy:

The Maternity Centre will extend support, care, and expertise to all patients, within the perinatal scope, admitted to other programs / units than the Maternity Centre. See [Appendix A](#): Algorithm for Maternity Services Care Approach for Patients Admitted to Other Programs

Need to Know:

- This guideline applies to all patients admitted within the perinatal scope (antenatally and immediate post partum periods). Immediate post partum period is defined as up to 14 days following birth.
- Obstetrical consultation will occur in the normal fashion whereby a service-to-service consultation is required.
- Nursing support and leadership will extend to all service areas to support the patient in regards to required assessments, psychosocial needs, teaching, breastfeeding and lactation support as well as any other perinatally-related care matters.
- The Maternity unit patient assignment will include any identified perinatal patients that have been admitted to other units/programs. Nursing support to the patient outside of Maternity will occur within each shift period and as required.
- When patients with complex care needs are admitted on maternity, nursing delegates from supporting programs will attend to patient specific care needs relevant to their program.

Expected Outcomes:

Care of the perinatal patient will be extended to all programs and service areas to ensure optimal care through perinatal nursing expertise and care.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- Nursing CNL/CN on unit where patient is admitted, will contact Maternity CNL/CN and notify that perinatal patient has been admitted
- The admitted perinatal patient's care will be supported by the Maternity Centre nursing staff.
- Care will not be provided to the infant.

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- Breastfeeding support, education and teaching will be provided by the Maternity Centre nursing staff.
- Supplies and equipment such as a breast pump will be provided by the Maternity Centre.

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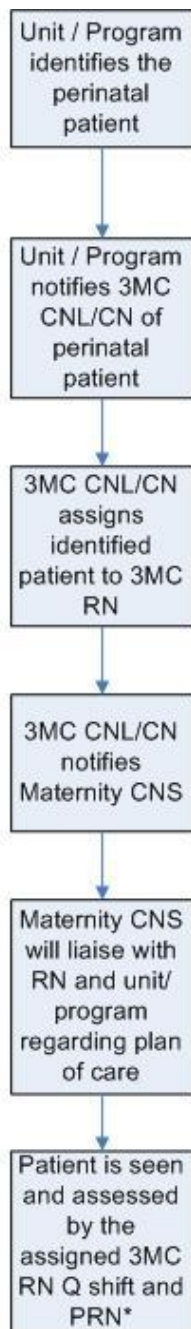
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Appendix A: Maternity Services Care Approach for Patients Admitted to Other Programs



* In cases of perinatal loss (e.g. expectant miscarriage or stillbirth and subsequent care of the deceased; or intrapartum issue) 3MC will assign RN to manage the care needs "permanently" (i.e. respective care, associated paperwork, etc.)