

## Pediatric attendance at Twin Deliveries

Guidelines for notification and attendance of pediatrics at twin deliveries.

### **Guidelines For Responding To A Preterm Twin Delivery:**

- 1) Two neonatal resuscitation teams will be available within ten minutes of notification of imminent preterm twin delivery.
- 2) The composition of these teams is established at each change of shift as a routine part of sign-out.
- 3) The teams will be composed of:
  - a. Two NRP-certified mother/baby nurses (one for each baby).
  - b. *Either* the pediatric charge nurse and one NICU RN *or* two NICU RNs. In the latter circumstance the pediatric charge nurse will attend the babies in the NICU until the NICU RNs are again available to do so. As stated above, the composition of these teams is established at each change of shift as a routine part of sign-out.
  - c. Respiratory therapist on call.
- 4) The above staff will be distributed into two teams as follows:
  - a. Team A will consist of the Pediatrician, pediatric charge nurse *or* NICU RN, and mother/baby RN. The Pediatrician will direct the resuscitation and be responsible for ventilation.
  - b. Team B will consist of the pediatric charge nurse *or* NICU RN, one mother/baby RN, and the respiratory therapist. The charge nurse *or* NICU nurse will direct the resuscitation. The RT will be responsible for ventilation.
  - c. The Pediatrician and respiratory therapist may switch teams during resuscitation at the discretion of either party.
  - d. In the event of need for chest compressions or prolonged BVM ventilation in either or both newly born twin, a “newborn code white” will be called. Should one or both newborns require intubation, the Pediatrician and the anesthesiologist/nurse anesthetist will perform the procedure(s).
- 5) The Providence NICU attending will be notified by the Pediatrician immediately of any preterm labor, single or multiple, of less than 32 weeks gestation.
- 6) The Providence team will respond to any delivery at ANMC of less than 32 weeks gestation.
- 7) In the event of a twin delivery of less than 32 weeks gestation, the Providence NNP will join Team B directing the resuscitation and being responsible for

airway. The respiratory therapist will then be free to participate on either Team A or Team B as indicated.

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