

Perinatal Transfer

Guidelines for referral/transfer of perinatal patients.

CLINICAL GUIDELINES FOR PERINATAL REFERRAL

General guidelines and clinical indicators for transferring OB patients from ANMC to Providence are as follows:

A. Maternal Transfer (arranged by ANMC Obstetrics in coordination with Pediatrics)

1. Gestational age of 23 to 32-34 weeks at Pediatricians discretion (using 34 weeks if questionable dates, multiple pregnancy, specific fetal risk factors, or lack of bed availability in ANMC NICU).
2. Estimated fetal weight of 450 to 1500 grams.
3. Other fetal risk factors:
 - a. Major congenital anomaly or malformation which requires immediate neonatal surgery.
 - b. Conditions which may require Level III neonatal care (i.e., hydrops).
4. Other maternal risk factors such as a major illness requiring care not available at ANMC.

B. Neonatal Transfer (arranged by ANMC Pediatrics)

1. Birth weight less than 1500 grams.
2. Anticipated need for mechanical ventilation.
3. Need for neonatal surgery.
4. Conditions requiring Level III neonatal care
5. Lack of bed availability in ANMC NICU for infant requiring Level II care

When maternal transfer criteria are met but transfer is contraindicated secondary to advanced labor, a neonatologist and transport team will be called to the delivery. A pediatrician and an infant pediatric nurse will be present.

If transfer is done, an EMTALA form is filled out and transfer completed in coordination with the nursing House Supervisor. Unit staff will complete a RCIS in the RPMS system for contract health referral.

References: Guidelines for Perinatal Care Fifth Edition, AAP/ACOG, 2002

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