

CLINICAL GUIDELINES FOR PERINATAL REFERRAL

General guidelines and clinical indicators for transferring OB patients from ANMC to a higher level of care are as follows:

- A. Maternal transfer arranged by ANMC Obstetrician in coordination with Pediatrician
 - 1. Gestational age of 23w0d to 32 weeks. The transfer should be in collaboration between pediatrician and obstetrician taking into account variables that might include questionable dating criteria, fetal or maternal risk factors, and bed availability in ANMC NICU
 - 2. Estimated fetal weight of less than 1500g
 - 3. Other fetal risk factors:
 - a. Major congenital anomaly which requires immediate neonatal surgery
 - b. Conditions that may require Level III neonatal care
- B. Neonatal transfer arranged by ANMC Pediatrician
 - 1. Conditions requiring Level III neonatal care (e. g., need for neonatal surgery, prematurity / birth weight not able to be supported in the ANMC Level II NICU)
 - 2. Lack of bed availability in ANMC NICU for infants requiring Level II care

When maternal transfer criteria are met but transfer is contraindicated secondary to advanced labor or immediate delivery indicated, a neonatal 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.

Reference: Guidelines for Perinatal Care Eighth Edition, AAP/ACOG, 2017. (Accessed 10/16/19)

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