Medical Directive

Obstetric Patient in the Emergency Department

Site/Corporate: Maternal Child Service & Emergency Service Approved: Medical Advisory Committee – April 15, 2008

Authorized to who

Registered Nurses working in the Emergency Department at Lakeridge Health Port Perry and Lakeridge Health Oshawa

Medical Directive Description

Patients will be transferred to the New Life Centre/Birthing Suite for ongoing obstetric assessment and care when the ER Registered Nurse has assessed that the:

• patient is physiologically stable for transfer to the New Life Centre (eg, no evidence of respiratory distress, hemodynamically stable, vital signs stable, etc.)

Patient Description / Population

- patients who present to the ER triage desk for assessment
- Obstetric patients who are over 20 weeks gestation and experiencing a possible pregnancy-related concern (eg. Abdominal cramping or pain, backache, vaginal leaking of fluid, decreased fetal movement, vaginal bleeding, headache etc.)

Identify relevant Delegated Control Act or Added Skill associated with this Directive

Triage certified ER nurse

Specific conditions/circumstances that must be met before the Directive can be implemented

Identified MRP:

- Patient's own family physician who practices obstetrics (LHPP & LHO)
- ER physician if the patient is not under the care of a NLC physician (LHPP)
- Obstetrician-on-call (LHO)

Contraindications to the implementation of the Directive

None

Documentation requirements

- ER triage record
- Pt to be "temporarily relocated" to NLC for purposes of documentation (LHPP)
- Obstetric triage record

Review/Evaluation Process (how often/by who)

Every 2 years by the Maternal Child Service and Emergency Service

References

Medical Directive Policy

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