

Statement of Procedure

Labor Induction Guidelines

Areas Affected: Labor and Delivery

Effective Date: April 15, 2006

Purpose: To provide an accurate means of informing patients of the expected arrival time to the Labor and Delivery unit for induction of labor and to facilitate patient flow within the organization.

Scheduling Procedure

1. The Induction Patient Information Sheet will be distributed to all physician offices and given to patients prior to hospital admission.
2. The physician's office staff will provide the reason for the patient's induction at the time of scheduling in order for the Labor and Delivery staff RN to assign a Patient Classification. The Labor and Delivery RN Staff will use the Classification Guidelines below.
3. Patients will be called in according to the classification beginning with Classification 1. For patients with the same classification, patients will be called in according to the order in which they were scheduled.
4. Inductions will no longer be scheduled for a specific time to avoid patient dissatisfaction.
5. Patients will be scheduled for Morning Inductions or Evening Inductions. Evening Inductions will be scheduled Mon.-Thurs. The L&D charge nurse will contact patients on the morning of their scheduled induction to let them know what time to arrive. The 7P charge nurse will begin calling patients at 5:00am for morning inductions. Notification of arrival time for evening inductions will begin at 5:00pm.
6. Evening inductions may be called in earlier if operations allow.
7. If a physician or patient declines an offer for a time to come in, the patient must be rescheduled.

Classification Guidelines

Class 1

Pre-Eclampsia
Oligohydramnios
IUGR
Postdates >41 weeks
Medically controlled Diabetes
Cholestasis of Pregnancy
Other significant maternal illness compromising the pregnancy
Maternal age of 40 years or greater AND 39 wks or greater gestation

Recommended delivery by MFM (documented)

Class 3 (PM induction slots and Wait List Only)

Miserable
History of Rapid Labor
Advanced Dilation/Inducible cervix
PUPPS
Severe Edema
Pregnancy 39 – 40 weeks
Prior 3rd /4th Degree Laceration

Class 2

Gestational and Controlled Chronic Hypertension
Diet Controlled Diabetes
Coagulopathy/Platelet disorders requiring anticoagulant adjustments
History of Stillbirth/IUFD
History of Shoulder Dystocia/Macrosomia
Postterm pregnancy 41 weeks
Induction after successful version
History of Kidney Stone

Chair, Department of OB-Gyn Date

Director of Women's and Childrens Svcs. Date

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