HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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MATERNAL SERVICES
(Scope)

TITLE: **TRANSFERRING OBSTETRICAL PATIENT TO MEDICAL/SURGICAL OR HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE UNIT (within hospital)**

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to transfer OB patient to an area other than the Childbirth Family Center. To provide information to the staff (outside CFC) regarding the newly transferred patient.

EQUIPMENT LIST:
1. Baby gift pack (if needed)
2. Birth certificate information sheet (if applicable)
3. Baby Stillborn certificate, if applicable
4. Baby Death certificate, if applicable
5. Appropriate Clinical Guideline and doctors orders.
6. Perineal care procedure and supplies (e.g., sanitary pads, peri bottle, sitz bath, etc.)

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:	KEY POINTS:
1. Notify Nursing Service when you know patient will not be staying on OB.	
2. Room assignments will be obtained from Administrative Supervisor.	
3. Transfer patient in Cerner system.	
4. Explain to the patient that she will not be staying on OB. Reasons include: a. Critically ill mother (usually to ICCU)	Patients of critically ill infants who have been transferred, patients who are adopting their infant out, or patient's who have suffered death of their infant have the option to be cared for on a Med-Surg unit instead of OB.
5. If baby has died, fill in as much information as possible on the birth certificate and fetal death package worksheet before patient is transferred. Maternity staff will complete paperwork.	Maternity staff may keep in contact with patient as appropriate. Initiate bereavement protocol.
6. Notify receiving unit that patient is ready to be transferred.	

7. When arriving on unit, help get patient to bed.
   Give complete report to staff, including:

   a. IV fluid
   b. Anesthesia
   c. Lochia - amount
   d. Why patient is transferred - history
   e. Output
   f. Physician orders, rewrite complete orders
   g. Refer to post partum care after recovery
      period procedure as appropriate.
   h. Offer to check pt while on other unit, ie:
      fundus, lochia, and assistance with breast
      pumps.