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* **PROCEDURE** *

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MATERNAL SERVICES
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TITLE: PROCEDURE TO ADMIT MOTHER AND NEWBORN DELIVERED OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL

PURPOSE: To outline procedure to provide optimum care for mother and newborn delivered outside the hospital.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: A mother and infant who experience a precipitous delivery without benefit of professional assistance are at risk for development of complications related to:
a. Environment where delivered (i.e., high risk of shock related to hypothermia.)
b. Pathophysiology of precipitous delivery.
c. Birthing experience level of persons assisting at the delivery.

EQUIPMENT:

1. LDR bed
2. Infant radiant warmer
3. Standard delivery instrument table set-up
4. Warmed blankets for both mother and infant
5. Standard admission chart for mother-infant

CONTENT:	PROCEDURE STEPS:	KEY POINTS:
	1. Receive mother and infant to CFC into an LDR. Receive report from transfer personnel.	Provide emotional support.
	2. Place infant under prewarmed radiant warmer on prewarmed blankets. Apply skin probe.	
	3. Assist mother to transfer into bed.	
	4. Assess infant for vital signs, color, respiratory status (use Apgar as guide.)	Ask if baby has voided or stooled.
	5. Assess mother for vital signs, fundal tone, vaginal bleeding, delivery of placenta.	Obtain cord blood specimen if possible. If not, obtain order from pediatrician to draw blood for type and Rh.
	6. If mother's medical provider not notified of her status while she was enroute to hospital, notify provider of mother-infant arrival on unit.	If no provider on staff, assign from on-call list.
	7. If medical provider en route, and mother-infant stable, complete admission assessments for both mother and infant; also complete newborn identification per unit procedure.	
	8. Upon medical provider arrival to unit, assist mother into positioning for vaginal and perineal examination. Complete perineal prep as indicated (usually a wash with povidone-iodine solution.)	This may include use of stirrups.
	9. Assist medical provider with completion of assessment of mother. This may or may not	

include collection of cultures and/or specimens.

10. Complete admission and care of both mother and infant per usual procedure.

Standard precautions used for all patients. No "special" precautions needed except in cases requiring respiratory isolation.