OBSTETRIC PATIENT TRANSPORT

I. All pregnant patients greater than 20 weeks gestation with obstetrical related emergencies such as, but not limited to: abdominal pain, contractions, vaginal bleeding, ruptured membranes, or immediately postpartum are to be transported to a participating hospital designated as an appropriate perinatal facility for obstetrical patients (see attachment 1).

A. High Risk Obstetrical Patients

1. Transport pregnant patients between 20-30 weeks gestation with an obstetrical related complaint to the closest Level III perinatal hospital unless the patient is deemed unstable for additional transport time. If the patient is deemed unstable the patient should be transported to the closest perinatal facility.

A patient is considered “unstable” if they exhibit any of the following:
- Display crowning or a presenting part at the perineum
- Have brisk vaginal bleeding
- Have abnormal vital signs
- Exhibit altered mental status.

If there is any question about the “stability” of a pregnant patient, Online Medical Control should be contacted to assist with destination decisions.

2. Pregnant woman with an obstetrical related complaint stating she has been deemed a “high risk” obstetrical patient that requires care or delivery at one of the Region’s Level III perinatal hospitals should be transported to the closest Level III hospital unless she is unstable as defined above.

II. In rare and unusual circumstances, at the EMS personnel's discretion, in consultation with OLMC, the patient may be transported to the closest appropriate facility for stabilization.

Attachment 1: List of Participating Hospitals Designated as Appropriate Perinatal Hospitals for Obstetrical Patients
PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS DESIGNATED AS APPROPRIATE PERINATAL HOSPITALS FOR OBSTETRICAL PATIENTS

LEVEL II PERINATAL HOSPITALS

Advocate Trinity Hospital
Ascension Resurrection Medical Center
Ascension Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center - Saint Mary Campus
Humboldt Park Health
Loyola MacNeal Hospital

OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center
Roseland Community Hospital
Saint Anthony Hospital
Swedish Hospital part of NorthShore
West Suburban Medical Center

LEVEL III PERINATAL HOSPITALS

Advocate Christ Medical Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County

Loyola University Medical Center
Mount Sinai Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Rush University Medical Center
UChicago Medicine
UI Health

The following Region 11 Comprehensive ED’s are NOT designated as appropriate perinatal hospitals for obstetrical patients:

AdventHealth La Grange
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
Ascension Saint Francis Hospital
Community First Medical Center
Holy Cross Hospital
Insight Hospital & Medical Center
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center
Loretto Hospital
Provident Hospital of Cook County
South Shore Hospital
St. Bernard Hospital
Thorek Memorial Hospital
Weiss Memorial Hospital

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