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Guidelines for Attending Deliveries (effective 3-1-11)

The following provides guidelines for Cincinnati Children's Transport Team attendance of deliveries at referral hospitals. We will make every effort to comply with requests to attend deliveries at referral hospitals when appropriate subject to Transport Team availability.

GUIDELINE

The decision to attend a delivery must be made in consultation with the NICU Neonatal Attending Physician.

The following guidelines will be considered:

All requests to attend deliveries must be coordinated through the NICU Attending Physician.

A Neonatologist may consider sending the transport team to attend a delivery of an infant with the following congenital anomalies that are likely to compromise respiratory and/or cardiovascular stability:

- Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
- Suspected Airway Anomalies
- Known Congenital Heart Defect
- Congenital Cystic Adenomatoid Malformation (CCAM) that may compromise respiratory and/or cardiovascular stability.

Additional considerations include:

- Less than or equal to 28 weeks gestation, imminent delivery (within an hour), not at a hospital with Newborn Care Associates (NCA) coverage
- Fetal distress associated with prolonged fetal bradycardia or loss of fetal heart tones due to presumed placental abruption at a hospital not covered by NCA neonatologists.
- If a referring facility has requested the Transport Team presence for a delivery and the CCHMC NICU Attending Physician does not think the condition or presentation warrants sending the Transport Team, the CCHMC NICU Attending Physician will call the Attending Physician at the referral facility to discuss.

APPROVALS
Transport Team Neonatal and Pediatric Medical Director,
Transport Team Senior Clinical Director, Transport Team
Clinical Managers, Transport Team Practice Council

IMPORTANT PHONE #'s

TRANSFER A PATIENT: Call Physician Priority Link at 513-636-7997 or 1-888-636-7997.

PHYSICIAN LIAISON: For updates on the clinical status of a patient, call Sandra Evans at 513-636-5636 or NICU@cchmc.org.

URGENT UPDATES ON A PATIENT: Contact the NICU 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 513-636-4466 or 1-800-227-5560.