

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Indications for Postnatal Review by Doctors on Postnatal Ward

PREPARED BY : S. McDonnell	DATE: December 2020
RATIFIED BY : Perinatal Governance Group	DATE: December 2020
VERSION 1.0	REVIEW DATE: December 2023

PURPOSE
The purpose of this SOP is to guide which women need an obstetric doctor review on the postnatal ward prior to discharge, as routine.
OBJECTIVE
To ensure timely review of women with a clinical need for a medical review to enable safe discharge from the Postnatal Ward
SCOPE
<p>This guidance is relevant to following staff groups:</p> <p>All midwifery staff who work in maternity</p> <p>All medical staff working within the Obstetrics and Gynaecology team – Consultants, Middle Grades and Juniors</p>
COMPETENCIES
As per GMC Good Medical Practice Guidance
INDICATIONS
<p>Any maternal postnatal readmissions require daily review by the Consultant of the Week.</p> <p>As a minimum, the obstetric doctor review is to review the women below and they should not be discharged by the midwife caring for the woman until this has been performed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd / 4th degree Tears • Any Caesarean Section who has yet to be discharged to Midwife Led Care • Postpartum Haemorrhage > 1000ml • Women with chorioamnionitis who require de-escalation of antibiotics • Any women the midwives have clinical concerns with (this should be escalated as per the usual pathways for unwell women) • Women with pre-existing diabetes and Gestational Diabetes (requiring Insulin)

Standard Operating Procedure	Current Version is held on the Intranet	First ratified: May 2020	Review date: May 2023	Version 1	Page 1 of 2
------------------------------	--	-----------------------------	--------------------------	--------------	-------------

Women who do not require review include:

- Elective and Emergency Caesarean Sections who have been discharged to Midwifery Led Discharge (including those discharged at time of surgery)
- Instrumental Delivery
- Pre-Eclampsia with BP < 150/100 and stable / improving bloods (Refer to Postnatal Care Hypertension Quick Reference Guide within Hypertension in Pregnancy Guideline)
- Women with Gestational Diabetes (diet or requiring metformin). The midwives can escalate if the BMs are >10mmol/L

PROCESS

Midwives to request doctor review in the Junior Doctor handover book daily by 0800 (where possible).

Joan Booker SHO to attend Joan Booker Safety Huddle Monday – Friday at 11.30am.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All clinical staff are responsible for complying with this policy.

Standard Operating Procedure	Current Version is held on the Intranet	First ratified: May 2020	Review date: May 2023	Version 1	Page 2 of 2
------------------------------	--	-----------------------------	--------------------------	--------------	-------------