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Transfer of Antepartum Patient to Another Facility

POLICY

Stabilized antepartum patients may be transferred to a higher level of obstetrical/neonatal care.

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for transfer of patients from (facility name) to another facility.

PROCEDURE

1. Primary care physician should discuss plan/need to transfer patient to another facility with patient and family.

2. Physician should order transfer to another facility. The Physician will contact "Transfer Center" at 1-(phone number). The accepting physician will be assigned as the patients physician.

3. Notify Care Management or Nursing Supervisor

4. Three hospital forms should be completed. Original is to be placed in patient's chart and a copy is given to the transferring agent (ambulance).
 - a. Physician Certification for need to transfer
 - b. Patient Consent
 - c. Physicians Certification Statement for Advanced patient transportation.

5. Ambulance service will be arranged by Transfer Center

6. RN should call and give verbal report to receiving patient care unit/RN.
7. Relevant patient information, i.e. labs, prenatal history, MAR, etc., should be copied for transfer with patient.
8. RN should prepare patient for transfer as order by physician.
9. If physician requests, an RN may accompany patient during transfer to accepting facility.
10. Advanced Patient Transportation / Physician Certificate Statement and Patient consent to transfer can be found at Team Leader station.

Approval Signatures

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