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TJC Maternal Levels of Care Verification Program

The Joint Commission's Maternal Levels of Care (MLC) Verification is a program for hospitals that provide maternal care services and is an independent verification of the maternal level of care it delivers. The program was developed in conjunction with The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) utilizing their written Obstetric Care Consensus on Levels of Maternal Care.

There are four (4) levels of care. South Miami Hospital has applied for Level IV

1. Basic care (level I)
2. Specialty care (level II)
3. Subspecialty care (level III)
4. **Regional perinatal health care centers (level IV)**

South Miami Hospital is expecting The Joint Commission (TJC) for a 2 day survey (04/25/2023 & 04/26/2023) for the Maternal Levels of Care Verification Program.

This survey will impact several departments, including but not limited to:

- Medical Staff
- Perinatal Services, including: Labor & Delivery, Mother & Baby Unit, Maternal Fetal Special Care Unit, OBED, OB OR
- Main Emergency Department
- Critical Care Services
- MCVI
- Operating Room
- Ancillary support services including Laboratory, Pharmacy, Respiratory, Imaging

Requirements for Level IV Verification:

- Provide integrated, coordinated, patient-centered care that starts with prenatal care and continues through postpartum care.
- On-site intensive care unit care for obstetric patients who are primarily or comanaged by a maternal-fetal medicine team
- The program has the capability to accept maternal transports from lower levels of care for unanticipated high-risk pregnancies
- The perinatal program maintains a close collaboration between intensive care unit nurses and obstetric nurses with expertise in caring for critically ill women.
- Neurosurgery and cardiac surgery adult subspecialties are readily available at all times for consultation and treatment needed on site

Examples of how we meet these requirements:

- Dedicated Leadership and staff necessary to meet the scope of care
- Support from ancillary departments 24/7
- Evidence Based Clinical Care
- Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Analysis Committee
- Maternal Leadership Forum
- Obstetrical specific procedures developed to facilitate and manage the obstetric population: Code Rescue OB, Code Crimson OB, Maternal Hemorrhage Plan, Obstetric Hypertensive Crisis, Massive Transfusion Guidelines



Hospitals that successfully demonstrate compliance for their identified level of care are awarded verification.

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