



Title: NICU Consults	Policy
This policy applies to: All obstetrics services	

PURPOSE:

Rationale for policy: To standardize the experience for women in need of a consult from neonatology when able.

1. Often women in need of a NICU consult are admitted during normal business hours
2. Daytime admissions with consults requested at night place a strain on limited nighttime NICU staff when delivery is not imminent
3. Nighttime consults often disrupt patient rest

GOALS OF POLICY:

The goal of the policy is to outline a frame work for requesting NICU consults on antepartum or laboring patients. This policy will also facilitate maternal rest overnight when possible and will decrease the times nighttime NICU staff is pulled from the unit to perform a consult when delivery is not imminent.

PROCEDURES:

- When patients are admitted during normal business hours (7a -8p) and it is determined that a NICU consult is warranted, every effort will be made to request the consult during these hours
- When a patient is admitted overnight and not in need of an emergent consult with suspected imminent delivery, NICU consults will be requested the following day during normal business hours as previously specified
- With the understanding that timing of delivery is not always known, when delivery seems imminent and/or an emergent consult is needed, this can be requested at any time

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