

Applies To: **UNM Hospital**
 Responsible Department: Labor and Delivery and Newborn ICU
 Effective Date: 09/16/2021

Title: Fetal Palliative Registration	Procedure
Patient Age Group: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> All Ages <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newborns <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric <input type="checkbox"/> Adult	

DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW

This procedure outlines when to complete a fetal palliate registration. The goal is to ensure a smooth transition from birth to death for neonates, with anomalies incompatible with life, and their families. The early registration allows the Newborn ICU (NBICU) team to initiate a palliative powerplan and have required medications/supplies available at the time of birth.

REFERENCES

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Special Deliveries (SD) nurse
- Obstetric (OB) Triage staff
- Labor and Deliver (L&D) providers and staff
- NBICU providers and staff
- NBICU pharmacists

PROCEDURE

1. The patient may have been seen by Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) and be on the Special Deliveries list. The delivery plan and maternal wishes will be documented in the SD documents and prenatal notes. The patient may be sent from the Center for Reproductive Health or outside our system.
2. When the patient arrives for delivery, scheduled or spontaneous, the L&D attending should notify the NBICU attending, and the L&D RN Supervisor will notify the NBICU RN Supervisor.
3. When the patient is advance dilated, the L&D tech will complete a fetal palliative registration. The same naming configuration will be used, example: Doe Bb, Jane. Once the neonate is delivered the L&D tech will update the time of birth, and date if needed, to reflect the actual date and time of birth. It is best if the registration happens on the exact date of delivery. Example: if the birth is not anticipated before midnight, wait to complete the registration until 00:01 or later.
4. Once the palliative registration is complete, the L&D tech will notify the NBICU RN Supervisor via Tiger connect so that a powerplan can be initiated and medications removed for the neonate.

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5. NBICU will attend the birth and provide the agreed upon interventions, including giving any medications to the neonate.
6. The neonate will remain with the family in L&D. If the neonate passes within two hours of birth, the obstetric team will be responsible for completing the death packet.
7. If the neonate lives longer than two hours, the family may be transferred to Women's Special Care. The NBICU provider team will be notified and assume care of the neonate, update the plan of care and complete the death packet as appropriate.
8. The office supervisor will audit all fetal palliative registrations to ensure compliance with the procedure. Re-education will occur as needed.

DEFINITIONS

Palliative- relieving pain without dealing with the cause of the condition.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

New Procedure

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