

## M14

## OBSTETRICAL TRIAGE

In certain circumstances, pregnant patients benefit from direct transport to a hospital with obstetric services. Currently in Winnipeg the only hospitals with obstetric services are Women's Hospital at the Health Sciences Center (HSC) and St. Boniface General Hospital (SBGH). This treatment guideline only applies when the closest hospital is a hospital within the limits of the City of Winnipeg.

**Requirements**

Personnel must be a fully licensed Technician-Paramedic or Technician-Advanced Paramedic to use this guideline.

**Transport to the Nearest Hospital if:**

- Unable to maintain the airway or achieve adequate ventilation with pre-hospital interventions
- Class 3 or 4 hemorrhage<sup>1</sup> with PV bleeding and no IV access

<sup>1</sup>Class 3 hemorrhage (30-40% blood loss):

- marked tachycardia
- tachypnea
- decreased pulse pressure
- decreased systolic pressure
- significant change in mental status

Class 4 hemorrhage

- life-threatening exsanguinations
- marked tachycardia
- significantly decreased systolic blood pressure
- narrow pulse pressure
- unobtainable diastolic pressure
- depressed mental status

- Death of patient appears imminent

**Transport to *Women's Hospital – Health Sciences Centre(HSC) or St. Boniface General Hospital(SBGH)*****Labor and Delivery if:**

- Any gestational age and **imminent delivery**
- Greater than 20 weeks and non-traumatic PV bleeding

**Transport to HSC Emergency / SBGH Emergency / Children's Emergency (closest or where patient will deliver, Children's if <16)(If destination hospital closed, divert to the nearest hospital.)**

- Greater than or equal to 20 weeks:
  - shock not caused by PV bleeding or trauma
  - medical complaint (e.g. asthma, pneumonia, eclampsia-pre-eclampsia, abdominal pain with no bleeding or signs of labour)
- Less than 20 weeks:
  - PV bleeding
  - shock of any cause other than trauma
  - miscarriage/spontaneous abortion

- Trauma but does not meet trauma triage

**Transport to HSC Emergency / Children's Emergency if:**

- Any gestational age and meets trauma triage criteria (see trauma triage guideline)

**If the ambulance's destination site is closed, divert to another labor/delivery site**

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