



# Smooth Transitions Prenatal or Post First 48 Hour Postpartum Transfers

Family Birthing Place

PROCEDURE

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## Purpose:

Transfer process for patients cared for by community providers who require hospital services outside of the intrapartum period and the first 48 hours postpartum

## Procedure:

Patients requiring hospital care or services may fall into one of the following three categories: **Stable**, **Urgent**, or **Emergent**. **Stable** patients are those who require services as a routine part of their prenatal care (ex. Advanced Maternal Age requiring scheduled NST's). **Urgent** cases are those that require evaluation for a concern (ex. placenta previa, elevated BP, or potential need for an induction such as post-dates). **Emergent** transfers are those that require immediate evaluation or treatment (ex. severe hypertension sbp  $\geq 160$  or dbp  $\geq 110$ ). These transfers will be accommodated in the following ways.

### Stable

1. The provider will call Women's Health to arrange for the patient to be seen and have Antepartum testing scheduled.
  - a. Relevant records can be faxed to Women's Health.

### Urgent

1. The provider will call Women's Health and request a stat appointment for the patient to be seen.
  - a. Relevant records can be faxed to Women's Health.
2. Patients requiring evaluation that are unable to be seen by Women's Health in a timely manner may be sent to FBP to be seen by the OB Call provider. Call the OB Call Provider for a handoff.
  - a. Relevant records can be faxed to FBP.

### Emergent

1. Any patient requiring immediate evaluation outside of labor will be sent to FBP to be seen by the OB Call Provider. Communicate with the OB Call Provider directly.
  - a. Relevant records will be faxed to FBP.

If a patient is admitted, prior to discharge, a discussion should occur regarding recommendations for outpatient follow-up. Some patients may be appropriate candidates and may prefer to return to their community provider's care, while others may be recommended to follow-up with or transfer care to Women's Health.

Consider offering patients the opportunity to consult with Women's Health as a part of routine prenatal care. Having a consultation completed prior to birth may provide an added level of assurance to the patient that they know who will be caring for them in the event an intrapartum transfer is needed.

## Other FYI's

### Records for care provided in FBP and/or Women's Health

- As patient's may present to FBP on days that you are not in the clinic or on call, unless you have a prior agreement, the care will be provided and documentation will be in Cerner
  - Please request read only access to Cerner from Health Information Management
    - Main number
      - (509) 962-7307
    - Email
      - [tstepanoff@kvhealthcare.org](mailto:tstepanoff@kvhealthcare.org)
  - This will allow you immediate access to your patients records

### 4<sup>th</sup> Trimester Resource Center and Lactation

- All patients in Kittitas County have unrestricted access to this resource as an outpatient regardless of where they deliver
- These services are not billed

### After hours call for your patients

- Communicate your plan for managing after hours OB patient calls

### Process for patients planning to deliver at KVH

- Records
  - Fax records to FBP beginning at 20 weeks and following each visit thereafter
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trimester Resource Center
  - Patients will be scheduled for an appointment in the first week post discharge unless other arrangements are made
- Please consider:
  - Having your patient tour FBP prior to their delivery
  - Collaborating with Women's Health or Community Health of Central Washington prior to delivery

#### Women's Health:

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| • Main             | 509-933-8720 |
| • Fax              | 509-933-8722 |
| • OB Call Provider | 509-312-5312 |

#### Family Birthing Place:

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| • Main                | 509-962-7328 |
| • Charge Phone        | 509-856-4679 |
| • Fax                 | 509-933-8622 |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> TRC | 509-933-7593 |
| • Lactation           | 509-962-7388 |

### Education Plan:

Healthcare providers will be informed through departmental meetings and/or new employee/agency staff orientation.

### References:

[Smooth Transitions \(qualityhealth.org\)](http://qualityhealth.org)

**Related Documents/Forms:**

Procedure - Smooth Transitions Hospital Transfer From Planned Community Home Birth  
Form – Smooth Transitions Report Sheet