

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER LABOR AND DELIVERY WORKFLOW

PRE-PROCEDURE CLINIC (PPC) VISITS & PRE-ADMISSION ANESTHESIA CONSULTS

All patients undergoing elective surgery on BMC L&D will have a Pre-Procedure Clinic visit (30 min) one to two days prior the date of surgery.

If an Anesthesia Consult is needed, this will be booked separately (30 min).

The patient's provider/Care Site will call to arrange a visit: 617-638-6287

Please provide the following information to the PPC when scheduling:

- **Patient name**
- **MRN**
- **DOB**
- **Indication for consult (Pre-operative visit* and/or Anesthesia consult)**
 ***pre-operative visit is the same as PPC**
- **Patient's provider**
- **Need for interpreter (yes/no)**
- **Date and time of L&D procedure**
 - **If no scheduled procedure, please provide estimated date of delivery**
 - **If urgent Anesthesia consult – please instruct the schedulers the patient needs an appointment as soon as possible**

The patient will be given 3 forms by the pre-natal provider:

- 1) Letter (provided) with time, date, reason for consult, medications and problem list. This letter will be taken to the visit by the patient.
- 2) Letter (provided) with time and date of L&D procedure. Arrival time is 2 hours prior to the procedure time.
- 3) Map (provided)

PPC Visit:

The patient will be seen by a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant who will complete:

- Vital Signs
- Perform medicine reconciliation

- Order all pre-op lab tests. The lab is co-located at BMC.
- Provide pre-operative education
- Distribute chlorhexidine product distribution and instructions.
- Provide pre-operative BMC drink
- Send the patient to the COVID testing area for pre-op COVID testing

Anesthesia Consult:

- The patient will be seen by an anesthesia resident in the PPC
- All consult patient cases will be reviewed with the OB anesthesia attending prior to patient discharge, (OB anesthesia pager #3223)
 - A note will be written in EPIC by the anesthesia resident.
- An anesthesia consent does not need to be completed.

Possible reasons for anesthesia consult include:

- Cardiac condition
- Pulmonary condition
- Prior back surgery, scoliosis
- Neurologic condition
- Brain abnormality
- Low platelets, less than 100k
- Known bleeding abnormality
- Dwarfism
- Expected complicated anesthetic plan
- Planned hysterectomy
- Family history of anesthetic complication
- Placental abnormality (previa, accreta)
- Prior anesthesia complication or patient concern with anesthesia care □ Patient request

Please note:

- If a patient misses their PPC visit, the PPC will send an email to the consulting provider.
- Any concerns/problems during patient visits will be communicated to the L&D Triage CNM at extension 44325 or page #1601.
- Critical lab values reported to the PPC will be communicated to the Labor and Delivery Chief Resident, pager #5050.