

# BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER LABOR AND DELIVERY WORKFLOW

## PRE-PROCEDURE CLINIC (PPC) VISITS PRE-ADMISSION ANESTHESIA CONSULTS COVID TESTING

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.

The optimal option is an **in-person visit**; the PPC can also do **Telehealth** visits (the patient then needs to come to BMC for the pre-op COVID testing).

The COVID testing area is located at 710 Albany Street, Boston; the COVID test will be arranged by the PPC team to be done when the patient comes to BMC.

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

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

If you cannot reach the first number, please try: **617-638-9753**

The Care Site will give the following information to the PPC:

- Patient name
- MRN
- DOB
- Visit type (Pre-operative visit **and/or** Anesthesia consult)
- Indication for consult if anesthesia consult
- Patient's provider
- Need for interpreter (yes/no)
- Date and time of L&D procedure

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

**IF** the patient has had a telehealth visit, she will come to 710 Albany Street, Boston for scheduled COVID testing. She will receive chlorhexidine and pre-operative drink at that testing visit).

If a patient misses her 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 phone 4-4325, or page #1601.

Critical lab values reported to the PPC will be communicated to the Labor and Delivery Chief Resident, pager #5050

### **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