

INDICATOR	Met	Not Met	Comments
POLICY AND PROCEDURES			
Staff complete a maternal hemorrhage risk assessment using			
an evidence-based tool for all patients on admission to labor			
and delivery and on admission to postpartum.			
There are written evidence-based procedures for stage-			
based management of pregnant and postpartum patients			
who experience maternal hemorrhage.			
Procedures include the use of an evidence-based tool that			
includes an algorithm for identification and treatment of			
hemorrhage.			
Procedures include the use of an evidence-based set of			
emergency response medications that are immediately			
available on the obstetric unit.			
Procedures include the required response team members			
and their roles in the event of severe hemorrhage.			
Procedures include the how the response team and			
procedures are activated.			
Procedures include the blood bank plan and response for			
emergency release of blood products and how to initiate the			
hospital's massive transfusion procedures.			
Procedures include guidance on when to consult additional			
experts and consider transfer to a higher level of care.			
Procedures include guidance on how to communicate with			
patients and families during and after the event.			
Procedures include the criteria for when a team debrief is			
required immediately after a case of severe hemorrhage.			
SUPPLY KITS			
Each obstetric unit has a standardized, secured, and			
dedicated hemorrhage supply kit that contains emergency			
supplies (as determined by the organization) and approved			
emergency response procedures.			
Supplies are not expired.			
Equipment is maintained per IFU.			
The organization has determined if other locations that treat			
pregnant or post-partum patients who may be experiencing			
maternal hemorrhage require their own separate supply			
kits.			
STAFF EDUCATION			
Role-specific education is provided to staff who treat			
pregnant and postpartum patients about the organization's			
hemorrhage procedures.			
Education is included at orientation			
Education occurs with any changes or every 2 years.			
MATERNAL HEMMORHAGE DRILLS			

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MATERNAL HEMMORHAGE TRACER TOOL



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Drills are conducted annually (at a minimum), to include			
representation from each team identified in the			
organization's hemorrhage response procedure.			
Drills include a debriefing session when completed to			
determine effectiveness of response and identification of			
opportunities.			
Drills are conducted in locations where treatment of			
maternal hemorrhage patients may occur. (Labor and			
Delivery, ED)			
REVIEW OF HEMMORHAGE CASES			
Reviews of maternal hemorrhage events are conducted to			
evaluate the effectiveness of care, treatment, and services			
provided by the hemorrhage response team.			
Data from reviews are trended for common themes and			
opportunities for revising the organization's approach to			
treating maternal hemorrhage risk patients.			
PATIENT EDUCATION			
Patients are provided education on how to recognize the			
signs and symptoms of postpartum hemorrhage, which			
prompts them to seek immediate care. This would include			
incidents of hemorrhage during and after hospitalization.			
Training is documented in the medical record.			