INsight Risk Assessment for Obstetrics

Fast, effective way to assess risks

ECRI Institute’s web-based risk assessment survey provides perspectives from the front-line to leadership to help the organization assess the strength of obstetric services throughout their organization. Our survey tool generates reports based on survey results to help identify problems so you can focus on improvements.

Sample questions addressed in the web-based survey:

- Does the facility enforce a policy that requires that newborns be discharged in car seats that meet Federal motor safety standards? (Adequate Follow Up)
- How effective is the transfer of neonates to or from the facility? (Communication and Information Flow)
- How familiar are you with what to do after a piece of equipment has failed? (Equipment Safety and Updated Technology)
- Does the hospital monitor its timeliness in providing medical screening exams for patients in possible labor? (Evaluation and Monitoring)
- Are Apgar scores assigned by a qualified member of the OB staff? (High Risk Newborn Conditions)
- Does the shoulder dystocia emergency management plan identify personnel to notify for assistance? (High Risk Obstetrical Issues)
- How effective is the leadership in the obstetrics department? (Leadership and Accountability)
- How frequently are patients assessed for both pain relief and side effects after receiving pain medication? (Pain Management/Anesthesia)
- How effective is the support given to breastfeeding mothers? (Patient Information and Education)
- How effective is the policy to communicate unanticipated adverse outcomes to patients? (Patient Safety and Incident Response)
- If the facility provides specialty perinatal care, does the chief of the neonatal service have the appropriate credentials? (Provider Credentialing and Conduct)
- Is both baby and mother identification verified prior to discharge? (Safe and Secure Environment of Care)
- Do personnel who interpret fetal monitor tracings receive ongoing training? (Staff Competency and Education)

Key areas:
- Adequate Follow Up
- Communication and Information Flow
- Equipment Safety and Updated Technology
- Evaluation and Monitoring
- High Risk Newborn Conditions
- High Risk Obstetrical Issues
- Leadership and Accountability
- Pain Management/Anesthesia
- Patient Information and Education
- Patient Safety and Incident Response
- Provider Credentialing and Conduct
- Safe and Secure Environment of Care
- Staff Competency and Education
- Staffing and Resources
- Urgent/Emergency Response

Take the first step in reducing risk associated with obstetrics.

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