

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 1**

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DCFS CASES

**POLICY:** Clinical Social Work staff will follow the ‘**HOSPITAL PROTOCOL FOR EVALUATING AND REPORTING CASES INVOLVING PRENATAL DRUG/ALCOHOL EXPOSURE**’ and collect data for SB90 reimbursement when working with cases involving perinatal drug/alcohol exposure.

**PURPOSE:** To provide the reporting guidelines for newborns and birth mothers exposed to drugs or alcohol during pregnancy.

**DEPARTMENTS:** All

**DEFINITIONS:** Reportable drug/alcohol exposure is limited to that which is confirmed by the physician through the laboratory test results.  
Perinatal, Drugs, Alcohol, exposure.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. B2669 (1990) mandates hospital staff to provide an assessment and treatment for all cases of perinatal substance abuse.
2. Identify situations from labor/delivery and/or post partum referrals where mother or infant has a confirmed positive toxicology lab report or the mother has a history of substance abuse.
3. In situations of this nature, we have adopted the procedures provided by the Prenatally Alcohol & Drug Exposed Children (PADE) Committee of the Interagency Council On Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN).
  - A. Follow the ‘**HOSPITAL PROTOCOL FOR EVALUATING AND REPORTING CASES INVOLVING PRENATAL DRUG/ALCOHOL EXPOSURE**’ format for these cases. (Attachment 1).
  - B. Follow these additional steps for cases identified as suspected child abuse.
    1. Complete a Newborn Risk Assessment form.
    2. Attach the Newborn Risk Assessment form to the Suspected Child Abuse Report.
    3. Make the verbal report to DCFS.
    4. Make copies of both reports and file them on the baby’s chart.

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5. Submit the original reports to the Clinical Social Work Department clerk for processing
6. Document report on mother and baby's chart

C. The L.C.S.W. on staff assigned to manage the Maternal/Child service will review all perinatal substance abuse cases and their DCFS reports.

References: VC Policy 142	
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