

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: TRIAGE OF OBSTETRICAL PATIENTS

POLICY: All pregnant patients presenting to the DEM who are 14 weeks or greater will be triaged by an RN. The patients will be assessed and screened for appropriateness of referral to OB Triage.

PURPOSE: The appropriate triage of obstetrical patients.

DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (DEM)

DEFINITIONS: Evaluation of obstetrical patient.

PROCEDURE:

- I. APPROPRIATE PATIENTS FOR LABOR AND DELIVERY
 - A. Patients with the following conditions are candidates for evaluation and treatment in Labor and Delivery:
 1. Pregnant patients greater than 14 weeks with:
 - a. Ruptured Membranes
 - b. Uterine Contractions
 - c. Vaginal Bleeding
 - d. Pyelonephritis
 - B. Other pregnant patients are potential candidates for evaluation and treatment in L&D, but the decision regarding their triage may be more individualized.
- II. PROCEDURE
 - A. Basic Data
 1. DEM Triage Form Completed
 2. Vital signs need not be taken at the initial location of the patient unless clinically indicated (seizures, suspected preeclampsia, hemorrhage, trauma).
 3. The patient will be formally registered in L&D and not the

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DEM or other locations.

B. Notification of L&D

1. When the above information is obtained, L&D will be informed at x6590 and notified of patient's name, MRUN# (if any) and date of birth.

C. Transport of Patient

1. All L&D patients will be escorted to L&D via wheelchair except as follows:
2. Patients with the following conditions should be transported by gurney:
 - a. Ruptured Membranes
 - b. Vaginal Bleeding
 - c. Eclampsia
 - d. Unstable Vital Signs
3. Nursing will accompany patients based on assessment.

D. Placement in L&D

1. All L&D patients are transported to OB Triage.

References:	
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