

**LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER  
OB TRIAGE/GYNECOLOGICAL PROCEDURE AREA-3H  
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**Department Purpose**

The Obstetrical Triage/Gynecological procedure area (3H) is an important component of the continuum of care for the LAC+USC Medical Center. Medical and nursing services are provided for patients with gynecological and obstetrical diagnoses in need of emergency diagnostic evaluations and medical-surgical interventions. Patient's length of stay in the area is determinate upon the presenting problem, type of procedure and recovery period. When the patient's treatment plan is determined, it may require admission to an inpatient unit, surgery or discharge from the hospital.

**Type & Ages of Patients Served**

The Unit cares for female patients from adolescence, adult and geriatric age-groups. Patients come from the Emergency Department, the clinic setting or post hospital discharge scheduled for a gynecological procedure, and may present with an acute gynecologic or obstetric condition with complicating medical problems. Some of the major diagnoses seen on this unit include gynecological patients with vaginal bleeding, inevitable abortion, incomplete abortion, spontaneous abortion, pregnancy termination (less than 14 weeks) and torsion. Common obstetrical diagnosis includes; preterm labor, rule out labor, hyperemesis gravidarum, s/p motor vehicle accident, non-reactive non-stress test, and rule out pre-eclampsia.

**Method Used to Access Patient Needs**

The health team utilizes an interdisciplinary approach in assessing patient needs. Additional collaboration in assessing patient needs and planning for care with other disciplines may exist with patients who have a longer stay or those transferred to the inpatient unit or operating room.

**Scope of Services & Complexity of Care**

3H has 2 examination/treatment rooms, 4 recliners for fetal monitoring and a 3-chair observation area. Care is provided on a 24-hour basis for the purpose of evaluation of patients with specific acute gynecological problems as defined in criteria for admission to this unit. Care is focused on the stabilization of the patient's condition, provision of a safe and therapeutic environment which allows for monitoring during procedures and observational care during recuperation from therapeutic interventions, facilitating a plan of care for admission, surgery or patient's discharge and patient/family education regarding self-care post discharge and referral or follow-up care. Procedures that are performed on the unit include curettage, VABRA aspiration, endocervical curettage, endometrial biopsies, marsupialization, wound care, hydrososonography, I&D, IUD removal and placement, LEEP/Myomectomy, procedural sedation, blood product administration, transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasound, fetal monitoring and pelvic exams. The unit coordinates the plan of care for admitting patients to the inpatient service or the follow-up plan and referral of patients discharged to home.

**Volume & Quality Control Indicators**

- Procedural Sedation
- Pain Management
- Blood Product Administration
- Patient Experience

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*3H – Transportation Patient Property – Scope of Services*

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**Recognized Standards**

The care that is provided is consistent with LAC+USC Nursing Policies, Unit Structure Standards and applicable regulatory standards inclusive of but not limited to: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, California Department of Public Health, Title 22, The Joint Commission, Cal OSHA, DHS, US Food and Drug Administration, California Board of Registered Nursing, American Nurses Association, AWHONN, ACOG and PAC-LAC.

**Availability of Necessary Staff**

The unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The nursing staff reports to a Nurse Manager, who works collaboratively with the service chief of OB/GYN. The Nurse Manager is responsible for staffing according to standards appropriate to the patient population and the care that is required for those patients. She is responsible for the quality of nursing care provided and for the performance of assigned staff. Staff on the unit have specific competency assessments for their professional level/job descriptions. Patient care is provided by Registered Nurses and Nursing Attendants. Support is provided by Intermediate Clerical staff.