Labor and Delivery

Policy Title/Number: Dilatation and Curettage Performed in Labor and Delivery

Manual: Labor and Delivery Policy Manual
          OB/GYN Intranet Website

Categories:

Contributors: OB PCC Committee

Review Responsibility: OB PCC Committee
          OB/GYN PCC Executive Committee

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Team Members Performing:

    _ All faculty and staff
    _ All faculty and staff providing direct patient care or contact
    x MD
    x RN
    _ LPN
    _ VUSN/VUSM students
    _ Other licensed staff (specify): CNM
    _ Other non-licensed staff (specify):
    _ Not Applicable

Guidelines Applicable to:

    _ VUH
    _ VMG*
    _ VCH
    _ PHV
    _ VUSM
    _ VUSN
    x Other (specify): Labor and Delivery
    _ Exceptions (specify):
    _ Not Applicable

* Includes satellite sites unless otherwise specified.

Specific Education Requirements: _____ Yes _____ No _____ x Not Applicable
Physician Order Requirements: _______Yes _______ No _______ Not Applicable

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I. **Outcome Goal:** To communicate the process to be followed when patients present who require a Dilatation and Curettage.

II. **Policy:** To outline circumstances when a dilatation and curettage (D&C) will be performed in the Labor and Delivery OB Operating Rooms.

III. **Specific Information:**

A. Dilatation and curettage will be performed in Labor and Delivery when an obstetric inpatient requires the procedure following delivery.

B. For patients who present to the Emergency Department and require a D&C the provider may contact the Labor and Delivery Charge Nurse to see if the D&C can be accommodated in the OB Operating Rooms. The decision to do a D&C in Labor and Delivery may be made, if staffing allows, and the following members of the health care team agree the procedure can be accommodated. The following members of the health care team must agree:
   1. Labor and Delivery Charge Nurse
   2. Attending OB Physician
   3. Attending OB Anesthesiologist

   If any member of the above team feels that the D&C should not be performed in Labor and Delivery the requesting provider will be notified and re-directed to the Main Operating Room.

C. All non-emergent D&C procedures will be scheduled in the GYN Operating Rooms.

D. No scheduled D&C will be done in Labor and Delivery.
IV. Cross References:

V. References:

VI. Web References:

VII. Endorsement:

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VIII. Approval:

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