Emergent Notification & Debrief

We suggest that depending on the urgency of an intervention by our two teams, there are certain behaviors that each side should be able to anticipate and expect:

Our check list for OB looks like this:
--Decision made to proceed with C/S by OB Attending or highest level OB
--Communicate directly with anesthesia attending or senior resident (face to face or using the cell phones)
--Inform anesthesia of the indication for C/S
--Inform anesthesia of the time issues for C/S, but be very specific and say the following (avoid the use of nonspecific talk like urgent, emergent and now):
"WE NEED TO MAKE THE INCISION IN
----10 minutes": OB will accompany anesthesia to the OR and stay in the OR during induction of anesthesia
----20 minutes": OB will accompany anesthesia to the OR and stay in the OR during induction of anesthesia
----30 minutes": OB will not need to accompany anesthesia, but will be available as soon as anesthesia is adequate
----45 minutes": as soon as we have an open room, but not necessary to run two rooms simultaneously, although overlap would be helpful. OB will not need to accompany anesthesia, but will be available as soon as anesthesia is adequate
--Inform anesthesia of any other concerns re: patient
--Communicate directly with Charge Nurse (face to face or using the cell phones)
--Obtain Verbal Consent from patient; the paper may be optional depending on circumstances.

Our check list for nursing looks like this:
--Pt's nurse:
   --Prepare patient for surgery to allow maximum time for anesthesia
   --Assist in transporting of patient
--Charge nurse:
   --Inform and invite the NICU to the OR
   --Page or have paged the appropriate OR staff and physicians to the OR

Our check list for the OR Staff looks like this:
--Prepare OR for surgery

Our check list for anesthesia looks like this:
--Take information from obstetric provider and communicate to rest of team
--Assess/premedicate patient and transport to OR
--Provide the most appropriate surgical anesthesia for the patient and situation

We also suggest that a Debrief will take place following every 10 or 20 minute Intervention per the Debrief Policy