

Birth Care & Family Health Services

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RISK CRITERIA

Out of hospital delivery is a safe option for a low risk woman with an essentially normal pregnancy. At the initial visit, at the end of each trimester and upon admission in labor, the midwife evaluates the patient's risk status with respect to the criteria specified in the Practice Guidelines. Women with certain conditions may not be eligible for out-of-hospital delivery in our program of care. In some cases, care can be co-managed by the midwife and obstetrician; in other cases, transfer to physician may be necessary. The conditions requiring co-management or transfer include but are not limited to:

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| Obesity with BMI > 45 | Complete placenta previa or partial previa after 25 weeks |
| Certain congenital or acquired heart diseases or conditions | Severe polyhydramnios or oligohydramnios |
| Deep vein thrombosis at term | Isoimmunization |
| HIV positive blood test, AIDS or AIDS related complex | Multiple gestation |
| Certain renal diseases | Severe intrauterine growth restriction |
| Seizure disorder requiring medication with seizure activity in the last 2 years | Certain congenital defects |
| Hemolytic anemia | Thrombocytopenia |
| Drug addiction | Moderate to severe pre-eclampsia (PIH) |
| Uncontrolled asthma | Malpresentation in labor |
| Hematologic disease | Preterm labor less than 36 weeks gestation |
| Diabetes, class A or greater | Postdates greater than 42 weeks gestation |
| Uncontrolled thyroid disorder | Prolonged rupture of membranes per protocol |
| Uncontrolled hypertension | Previous postpartum hemorrhage greater than 1000 cc |
| Previous Caesarian delivery – primary or secondary VBAC | Syphilis, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C positive |
| Surgery involving uterine wall, other than C-section | Medical conditions requiring medication and physician supervision |
| Significant uterine myomata | Certain psycho-social issues that would benefit from additional support or resources not available through Birth Care |
| Significantly abnormal Pap smear | |
| Incomplete spontaneous abortion | |
| Ectopic pregnancy | |