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Fact Sheet for: High Risk Pregnancy Unit

Current as of 02/08

Focus of unit: Care of high-risk pregnant and postpartum patients.

RN to patient ratio for each shift: (varies by acuity of pt.) **Day** 1:3-6 **Night** 1:3-6

Tech to patient ratio: **Day** 1:6-12 **Evening** 1:6-12 (one tech for entire unit each shift)

Average # of (cases/patients/deliveries) per day: 7-8

Number of beds in unit: 12 (10 antepartum, 2 postpartum)

Average length of stay: 5.01 days

Special equipment used in the department: CADD terbutaline pump, electronic fetal monitors, epidural pump, electric breast pump, sequential compression devices, IV pump, relief bands, pulse oximetry, K-pads, QS Fetal Monitoring surveillance and documentation system.

Patients admitted to the unit from: MD offices, ER, L&D, Maternal-infant unit and ICU.

Medical conditions of patients in the unit: Diabetes, Hypertensive disorders, HELLP syndrome, multiple gestation, preterm labor, premature rupture of membranes, incompetent cervix, placenta previa, hyperemesis, asthma, pneumonia, pyelonephritis, cholecystitis, pancreatitis, sickle cell disease, infectious diseases such as TB, HIV, post-MVA, postpartum infections, mastitis, and any other condition that complicates pregnancy or the postpartum course.

Resources available in unit during a crisis: In-house anesthesia available 24 hr/day; labor & delivery staff support, Clinical Nurse Specialists, any MDs in-house at the time

Unit uses Omnimed or SureMed? Both

Baylors are used? Weekend Option on days; Baylor on nights

RNs are required to work 1 weekend/month and take call one weekend shift per month.

RNs in the unit cover 3.5 holidays per year:

1.5 (18 hours) **major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's)**

24 hours (12 summer & 12 winter) **minor holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve)**

Uniforms required: Royal Blue scrubs for RNs and Ceil Blue for Techs. (Associate purchases.)

Orientation to the unit lasts 5-8 weeks, (depending upon experience of nurse and shift to be worked).

Orientation to the unit occurs on day shift for 3-4 full weeks, then 1-2 weeks on night shift, if applicable.

Other comments specific to the unit:

Committed to customer service and associate satisfaction - each antepartum room contains computer ports, dinette area, microwave, refrigerator, TV/VCR, radio/tape/CD player, and oversized sleep chair for a support person.