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Obstetrics Consultation Guidelines	
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Guideline:

When requested by the obstetrician, an obstetrics anesthesia consult will be completed as part of the pre-delivery workup for high risk patients.

The attending anesthesiologist may at any time waive any and all preoperative testing, if in their judgment, the risks of waiting for the tests outweigh the risk of proceeding.

An OB Anesthesia consult is recommended for, but not limited to, the following situations:

- a) Patients with a history of anesthesia problems
- b) Cardiac or respiratory concerns
- c) Coagulopathy
- d) Previous back surgery or back problems (e.g. scoliosis)
- e) Morbid obesity

Process:

For in-house patients, the Obstetrician should call the OB Anesthesiologist covering Labor & Delivery to request an anesthesia consult at (202) 444-5929.

An order for the consult needs to be placed in Centricity EMR as well as printed and given to the patient to give to the OB Anesthesiologist.

The patient will be seen by the OB Anesthesiologist on the Labor & Delivery Unit or in the OB Clinic if needed.

The OB Anesthesiologist will complete a formal written consult to include:

- 1. Patient Name
- 2. Patient Date of Birth
- 3. Referring MD

Physician should place consult in the patient's chart or in the OB Anesthesia Consults Notebook as well as faxing a copy of consult to 1-877-544-7752 to ensure that it gets into the patients chart.

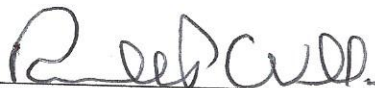
The OB Anesthesiologist will contact the Obstetrician when the consult is completed or let them know if the consult was unable to be completed.

For patients who are not in the hospital or for those that should be seen by Dr. Joe Myers, Director, OB Anesthesia, please contact him by pager (202-405-2379) or email (joseph.myers@gunet.georgetown.edu)

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