

ESCALATION FOR GYNAECOLOGY SERVICES AFTER HOURS

This LOP is developed to guide clinical practice at the Royal Hospital for Women. Individual patient circumstances may mean that practice diverges from this LOP.

When there is a significant alteration in the activity/acuity in hospital after hours that is not manageable the Escalation Policy must be enacted. This may be the result of increased activity/acuity in Maternity Services and Randwick Campus Operating Suite (RCOS) whereby the Registrar and Resident are unable to attend Gynaecology Services for an emergency situation.

This escalation is to be enacted even if the Obstetric Consultant is in attendance and the Resident or Registrar are all detained with the increased activity/ acuity in Maternity Services.

This escalation is to be enacted when the Registrar/Resident are detained and are unable to attend Prince Of Wales Hospital Accident and Emergency (A&E) for review and/or consultation of the Gynaecology patient(s) to assist in meeting National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) for Accident & Emergency and to provide timely patient review as required.

The RHW After Hours Nurse Manager (AHNM) or Registrar can independently activate the Escalation Policy and has a responsibility to do so when workload becomes unmanageable.

Step 1

AHNM/ Registrar to call the Gynaecology On call Consultant or Gynaecology Fellow (Weekends) rostered to attend hospital to assist in Gynaecology/ Oncology or POWH A&E

Step 2

AHNM to notify Hospital Executive on call if escalation activated

REVISION & APPROVAL HISTORY

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