

OUT OF HOURS WARD ROUNDS BY ON-CALL OBSTETRIC CONSULTANT

1. **AIM**
 - To ensure the on-call 'after hours' obstetric consultant is aware of responsibilities for ward rounds

2. **PATIENT**
 - Pregnant woman

3. **STAFF**
 - Medical, midwifery and nursing staff

4. **EQUIPMENT**
 - nil

5. **CLINICAL PRACTICE**
 - Ensure the on call 'after hours' obstetric consultant attends ward rounds in the following way:
 - 1700 HRS ON WEEKNIGHTS:
 - Physical attendance at handover in labour ward tearoom. Day team to hand over delivery suite patients and any other high risk obstetric inpatients.
 - Physical ward round with evening doctors of delivery suite and other high risk inpatients as identified at handover
 - 0800 HRS ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
 - Physical attendance at handover on labour ward. Night team to hand over delivery suite patients and any other high risk inpatients
 - Physical ward round with day doctors of delivery suite, antenatal inpatients and any other high risk patients identified at handover
 - 2200 HRS WEEKNIGHTS AND 2000 HRS WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
 - Telephone call from specialist to registrar to discuss delivery suite patients, new admissions and any other patients of concern
 - Physical attendance depending on clinical need at discretion of specialist
 - Be aware, when on-call 'after hours' obstetric consultant is on duty with an obstetric registrar/fellow post FRANZCOG, physical attendance at the 0800 hours and 1700 hours handover is required, however, the ward round can be conducted by the obstetric registrar/fellow, with liaison as required
 - Inform obstetric registrar if an unexpected circumstance prevents attendance at the above times by the on-call obstetric consultant. It is the responsibility of the obstetric consultant to contact the obstetric registrar and make alternative arrangements for the patients to be reviewed. This may include arranging another obstetric consultant to cover for them

6. **DOCUMENTATION**
 - nil

7. **EDUCATIONAL NOTES**

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8. **RELATED POLICIES / PROCEDURES / CLINICAL PRACTICE LOP**

9. **RISK RATING**
 - Low

10. **NATIONAL STANDARD**
 - Standard 1

11. **REFERENCES**

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