

## POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE (PPH) RISK ASSESSMENT TABLE • 1.2

## **CLINICIAN GUIDELINES:**

- Each box ☐ represents ONE risk factor. Treat patients with 2 or more medium-risk factors as high-risk.
- Prenatal risk assessment is beyond the scope of this document, however performing a prenatal hemorrhage risk assessment and planning is highly recommended. Early identification
  and management preparation for patients with special considerations such as placental
  previa/accreta, bleeding disorder, or those who decline blood products will assist in better
  outcomes.
- Adjust blood bank orders based on the patient's most recent risk category. When a patient
  is identified to be at high-risk for hemorrhage verify that the blood can be available on the
  unit within 30 minutes of a medical order.
- Plan appropriately for patient and facility factors that may affect how quickly the blood is delivered to the patient. For example,
- Patient issues: Pre-existing red cell antibody
- Facility issues: Any problems at your facility related to the blood supply and obtaining blood.

RISK CATEGORY: ADMISSION						
	Low-Risk	Medium-Risk (2 or More Medium Risk Factors Advance Patient to High Risk Status)	High-Risk			
	☐ No previous uterine incision	☐ Induction of labor (with oxytocin) or Cervical ripening	☐ Has 2 or More Medium-Risk Factors			
	☐ Singleton pregnancy	☐ Multiple gestation	☐ Active bleeding more than "bloody show"			
	□ ≤4 Previous vaginal births	□ >4 Previous vaginal births	☐ Suspected placenta accreta or percreta			
		☐ Prior cesarean birth or prior uterine incision	☐ Placenta previa, low lying placenta			
	□ No known bleeding disorder	☐ Large uterine fibroids	☐ Known coagulopathy			
	☐ No history of PPH	☐ History of one previous PPH	☐ History of more than one previous PPH or a severe PPH (>1,500 mL or blood transfusion)			
		☐ Family history in first degree relatives who experienced PPH (known or unknown etiology with possible coagulopathy)	☐ Hematocrit <30 AND other risk factors			
		☐ Chorioamnionitis	☐ Platelets <100,000/mm³			
		☐ Fetal demise				
		□ Polyhydramnios				
		☐ Pre-eclampsia or HELLP syndrome				
Anticipatory Interventions  Monitor patient for any change in risk factors at admission and implement anticipatory interventions as indicated.						
☐ Blood Bank Order:	☐ Clot Only (Type and Hold)	☐ Obtain Type and Screen	☐ Obtain Type and Cross (See Clinical Guidelines)			
Change blood bank orders as needed if risk catego- ry changes		□ Notify appropriate personnel such as the Provider (OB MD/CNM), Anesthesia, Blood Bank, Charge Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist	<ul> <li>Notify appropriate personnel such as the Provider (OB MD/CNM), Anesthesia, Blood Bank, Charge Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist.</li> <li>Consider delivering at a facility with the appropriate level of care capable of managing a high-risk mother.</li> </ul>			



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RISK CATEGORY: PRE-BIRTH (Approximately 30 to 60 minutes prior to giving birth)						
	Low-Risk	Medium-Risk (2 or More Medium Risk Factors Advance Patient to High Risk Status)	High-Risk			
	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION</b> LOW-RISK FACTORS	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION</b> MEDIUM-RISK FACTORS	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION</b> HIGH-RISK FACTORS			
		☐ Labor greater than 18 hours	☐ Has 2 or more medium risk factors			
		☐ Temperature greater than 100.4°F (38°C)	☐ Active bleeding more than "bloody show"			
		☐ Augmentation of labor (with oxytocin)	☐ Suspected abruption			
		☐ Magnesium sulfate				
		☐ Prolonged second stage (>2 hours)				
Anticipatory Interventions:  Monitor patient for any change in risk factors during labor and implement anticipatory interventions as indicated.						
□ Blood Bank Order: Change blood bank orders as needed if risk catego- ry changes	☐ Clot Only (Type and Hold)	☐ Confirm Type and Screen	☐ Confirm Type and Cross (See Clinical Guidelines)			
	☐ Ensure the availability of calibrated drapes, scales to weigh and measure blood loss for every birth	□ Review the hemorrhage protocol	☐ Review the hemorrhage protocol			
		Review lab work, e.g., platelets (PLTs), hemoglobin (Hgb)	☐ Review lab work, e.g., PLTs, Hgb			
		☐ Notify the Provider and Charge Nurse	☐ Notify the Provider and the Charge Nurse			
		☐ Initiate and/or maintain IV access	☐ Insertion of a second large bore IV is optional			
		☐ Confirm availability of Anesthesia Provider	☐ Notify Anesthesia Provider to come to the unit			
		☐ Ensure uterotonics (oxytocin, Methergine, Hemabate, misoprostol) and supplies for administration (such as syringes, needles, alcohol swabs) are immediately available	☐ Check and ensure uterotonics (oxytocin, Methergine, Hemabate, misoprostol) and supplies for administration (such as syringes, needles, alcohol swabs) are immediately available			
		☐ Ensure that the hemorrhage supplies are near the patient's room	☐ Bring the hemorrhage supplies to the bedside			
		☐ Transfer from a birthing center to an intrapartum unit	☐ Ensure operating room (OR) and staff available			
		☐ Ensure the availability of calibrated drapes, scales to weigh and measure blood loss with every birth	☐ Ensure the availability of calibrated drapes, scales, and other equipment to measure and weigh blood loss with every birth			



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RISK CATEGORY: POST-BIRTH  (Within 60 minutes after birth)						
	Low-Risk	Medium-Risk (2 or More Medium Risk Factors Advance Patient to High Risk Status)	High-Risk			
	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION AND PRE-BIRTH</b> LOW-RISK FACTORS	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION AND PRE-BIRTH</b> MEDIUM-RISK FACTORS	INCLUDE <b>ADMISSION AND PRE-BIRTH</b> HIGH-RISK FACTORS			
	☐ No known bleeding disorder	☐ Large uterine fibroids	☐ Has 2 or more medium risk factors			
	☐ No previous uterine incision	☐ Operative vaginal delivery	☐ Active bleeding			
	☐ No history of PPH	□ 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> degree perineal laceration	☐ Difficult placental extraction			
		☐ Vaginal or cervical laceration and/or mediolateral episiotomy	☐ Concealed abruption			
		☐ Cesarean birth	☐ Uterine inversion			
		☐ Precipitous delivery				
		□ Shoulder dystocia				
Anticipatory Interventions  Continue to monitor patient for any change in risk factors after birth and implement anticipatory interventions as indicated.						
Blood Bank Order: Change blood bank orders as needed if risk catego-	☐ Clot Only (Type and Hold)	☐ Confirm Type and Screen	☐ Confirm Type and Cross (See Clinical Guidelines)☐ Notify the blood bank			
	☐ Utilize scales and calibrated equipment to weigh and measure maternal blood loss for every birth	☐ Review your hemorrhage protocol	☐ Review your hemorrhage protocol			
ry changes		□ Notify the Provider and the Charge Nurse	□ Notify the Provider, Charge Nurse and obtain additional nursing personnel			
		☐ Heightened postpartum assessment surveillance	☐ Heightened postpartum assessment surveillance			
		☐ Utilize scales and calibrated equipment to quantify cumulative maternal blood loss for every birth	☐ Utilize scales and calibrated equipment to quantify cumulative maternal blood loss for every birth			
		☐ Maintain IV access	☐ Insertion of a second large bore IV is optional			
		☐ Confirm availability of Anesthesia Provider	☐ Notify Anesthesia Provider to come to the unit			
		☐ Ensure immediate availability of uterotonics (oxytocin, Methergine, Hemabate, misoprostol)	□ Check and ensure immediate availability of uterotonics (oxytocin, Methergine, Hemabate, misoprostol,) and supplies for administration (such as syringes, needles, alcohol swabs)			
		☐ Ensure the hemorrhage cart with supplies is near the patient's room	☐ Bring hemorrhage cart with supplies to the bedside			
		☐ Ensure OR and staff available	☐ Consider notifying team to prepare the OR			
			☐ Consider notifying Interventional Radiology if available in facility			

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