
Clinical Incident Trigger List for Obstetrics

Specialty: Maternity Services
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Obstetric Trigger List

Descriptions given in brackets indicate the tiers/codes to be selected when reporting on Datix.

*- indicates trigger is listed under Maternity Care : Maternity Triggers

** - indicates trigger is listed under Neonatal Care : Neonatal Triggers

Maternal / Delivery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eclampsia* 2. Post partum haemorrhage >1500ml* 3. Maternal Death* 4. Admission to ITU/HDU* (select as appropriate depending on level of care) 5. Pulmonary Embolism* 6. Venous Thromboembolism/DVT* 7. Uterine Rupture* 8. Infection ie MRSA, CDiff (<i>Infection Control Incident : Infection Outbreak : Minor outbreak – Infection Control section opens asking 'what infection was it'</i>) 9. Medication error (<i>Medication : Administration to Patient : 'as appropriate'</i>) 10. Shoulder dystocia* 11. 3rd or 4th degree perineal tear* 12. Retained swab, incorrect swab / instrument count (<i>Maternity Care : Vaginal Delivery : Unintended retention of a foreign object after surgery/procedure</i>) 13. Undiagnosed malpresentation including breech in labour* 14. Readmission (postnatal) of Mother* 15. Postponement / Delay of induction of labour or elective procedure (<i>Therapeutic Processes/Procedures : Invasive Treatment : Treatment/procedure delayed</i>) 16. Stillbirth / Fetal loss =>22wks* 17. Delivery of baby born below 10th centile* 18. Delivery of baby with no professional in attendance (eg BBA, in transit) (<i>Maternity Care : Vaginal Delivery : Delivery by non-professional staff, family.....'</i>)
Fetal / Neonatal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baby abduction incl attempted abduction (<i>Neonatal Care : Monitoring Ongoing Assessment</i>) 2. Neonatal death** 3. Undiagnosed fetal abnormalities** 4. Term unexpected admission to NNU** 5. Birth trauma (including laceration) to baby during delivery** 6. Prescribing error (<i>Medication : Administration to Patient : 'as appropriate'</i>) 7. Readmission of infant**
Organisational	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escalation policy triggered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - due to staffing (<i>Service Disruptions : Human Resource availability : 'as appropriate'</i>) - due to bed/capacity (<i>Service Disruptions : Service Provision : 'as appropriate'</i>) 2. Equipment / facilities failure (<i>Medical Devices, Equipment, Supplies : Mechanical/Structural/Electrical Processes : Malfunction/failure</i>) 3. Verbal or physical threat to staff or patient (<i>Behaviour : then as appropriate depending on incident</i>)