

Newborn Critical Care Center (NCCC) Clinical Guidelines

Consult Guidelines for Antepartum Patients

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Consults should be requested by the physician caring for the patient. The reason for the consult should be communicated.
2. Consults can be requested during the day by calling the NCCC phone at (984) 974-6281 or by calling the NCCC charge nurse at (984) 974-6493 to ask for the on-call fellow or attending.
3. Non-emergent consults for patients admitted to the floor and patients who are not expected to deliver within the next 12-24 hours should be requested between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM.
4. “Emergent” consults for patients who are expected to deliver within the next 12-24 hours may be requested 24 hours a day.
5. A NCCC consult should always be requested to counsel parents and assist in decision making for:
 - Patients expected to deliver potentially viable infants between 22-30 weeks of completed gestation.
 - Center for Maternal and Infant Health (CMIH) patients who have not previously met with Neonatology.
 - CMIH patients for whom the plan of care has not been determined.
 - Patients with newly diagnosed congenital anomalies.
6. Consults may be requested whenever OB medical staff desire additional input from Neonatology.
7. NCCC should be notified of the following admissions (*NCCC consult is not necessary*) by calling the NCCC phone at (984) 974-6281 for:
 - CMIH patients who have had a formal Neonatology consult and have a plan in place.
 - Any patient with a fetal diagnosis or complication of pregnancy likely to require NCCC care.
 - Patients at 30-34 weeks gestation who are expected to deliver during this admission.

For more information on counseling families of extremely premature infants, please see [Counseling and Management of Extremely Premature Infants](#).