

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 to the NCCC staff member performing the consult.
2. Non-emergent consults for patients who are not expected to deliver within the next 12-24 hours can be requested between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM by calling the NCCC (984) 974-6281 to ask for the on-call fellow or attending.
3. Emergent consults for patients expected to deliver within the next 12-24 hours may be requested 24 hours a day by contacting the NCCC emergency phone at (984) 974-6281.
4. A NCCC consult should always be requested to counsel parents and assist in decision making for:
 - Patients expected to deliver potentially viable infants between 22⁰-29⁶ 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.
5. Consults may be requested whenever OB medical staff desire additional input from Neonatology or families have Neonatal specific questions beyond OB scope.
6. A consult from neonatology for counseling may be requested for any patient regardless of gestational age; however, counseling of families between 30⁰-36⁶ weeks completed gestation should come initially from an obstetrical physician. When time is limited, the NCCC will prioritize to consult with those at highest risk first.
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 30⁰-34⁶ 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](#).

For more information on counseling late preterm infants, please see [Joint Obstetric and Neonatology Antenatal Counseling for Anticipated Deliveries of Premature Infants 30 - 34 weeks gestation](#) and [Joint Obstetric and Neonatology Antenatal Counseling for Anticipated Deliveries of Premature Infants 34 - 36 Weeks Gestation](#)