**UNC Guidelines for Obstetric Interventions Prior to 26 Weeks Gestation – 10.2022**

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|  | **20w0d-21w6d** | **22w0d-22w6d** | **23w0d-23w6d** | **24w0d-24w6d** | **25w0d-25w6d** |
| **Neonatal assessment for resuscitation** | Not recommended | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Antenatal corticosteroids** | Not offered at UNC1 | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Tocolysis for PTL to allow for ANS administration** | Not recommended | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Magnesium sulfate** | Not offered at UNC1 | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Latency antibiotics for PPROM** | Consider | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Intrapartum antibiotics for GBS prophylaxis** | Not offered | Consider | Consider | Recommended | Recommended |
| **Cesarean for fetal indication** | Not offered at UNC2 | Not offered at UNC2 | Consider | Consider | Recommended |
| **Cerclage placement for cervical insufficiency** | Recommend | Consider | Consider | Not recommended | Not recommended |

It is recommended that all consultations in the setting of suspected preterm birth between 20 and 24 weeks gestation include joint consultation with NCCC and UNC OB/MFM provider

Not offered – based on available evidence for effectiveness and possible maternal risk due to the intervention, these interventions are not offered at UNC at the indicated gestational age

Consider – after consultation the family may elect to undergo or forgo these interventions based on planned application of neonatal intensive care. In most setting, if neonatal intensive care is planned, ‘consider’ interventions have been suggested as beneficial for neonatal survival in observational studies

1 Based on lack of evidence of benefit and in agreement with ACOG guidelines (2021), magnesium sulfate and antenatal corticosteroids are not given at UNC prior to attainment of 22w0d (specifically not recommended at 21w 5 d and 21 w 6 d for threatened PTB)

Cahill, Kaimal, Kuller, Turrentine. Use of antenatal corticosteroids at 22 weeks of gestation. ACOG Practice Advisory September 2021.

2 After review of the literature and potential maternal risks with unknown fetal benefits, cesarean delivery is not offered at UNC primarily for FETAL indications until 23w0d EGA.

***These algorithms are designed to assist the primary care provider in the clinical management of a variety of problems that occur during pregnancy. They should not be interpreted as a standard of care, but instead represent guidelines for management. Variation in practices should take into account such factors as characteristics of the individual patient, health resources, and regional experience with diagnostic and therapeutic modalities.***

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