Maternal Transport Algorithm

Does the patient need a higher level of care?

No → Continue close monitoring according to facility standard of care

Refer to pre-transport algorithm to determine facility to implement transports

Yes → Medical Provider evaluates patient condition

Yes → Nursing performs continuous assessment per standard of care

Vital signs
Fetal heart tones
Contractions

Has receiving provider been contacted?

No → Give patient history. Obtain physician to physician acceptance of transport.

Yes ↓

Is there authorization for release of patient information?

No → Obtain patient consent for release of medical record

Yes ↓

Has the patient consented to transport?

No → Obtain consent to transport

Yes ↓

Assemble the patient's record (hard copy, fax, or electronic)

Prenatal record
Labor and delivery
Fetal monitoring
Labs

Proceed according to transport agreement/EMTALA Guidelines

Has the chain of command been notified of transport?

No → Notify nurse manager/supervisor of plan to transport

Yes ↓

Is a nurse accompanying the patient?

Yes → Arrange mode of transport

Include staff and equipment to accompany patient

→ Check transport equipment and guidelines for transport

→ Give verbal report to receiving nurse

→ Complete documentation and collect transport equipment

No → Provide nurse to nurse verbal and written report to receiving hospital

→ Report to EMS

Enter patient in transport log

Transport to receiving hospital following facility guidelines

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