



Obstetrical Hemorrhage Checklist

Obstetrical hemorrhage is a life-threatening complication during pregnancy. It is one of the leading preventable causes of maternal morbidity and mortality. Identification of patients at a higher risk, a plan for managing hemorrhage, and staff education and communication are strategies to improve patient safety and reduce liability.

The following checklist can be used to develop or evaluate your organization’s obstetrical hemorrhage policy and documentation requirements.

Policy	Yes	No
Do you have an obstetrical hemorrhage policy (or process) that includes:		
A process for documentation of obstetrical hemorrhage risk screening/stratification upon admission and <u>postpartum</u> ?		
A process for communication to all team members of risk screening information?		
A process for mobilizing additional help?		
Development of an obstetrical hemorrhage kit or cart?		
Active management of third stage of labor?		
A stage-based obstetrical hemorrhage order set/protocol?		
A massive transfusion protocol?		
A process for identification of patients who may decline blood products?		
A cumulative blood loss measurement process (quantitative preferred)?		
Required education for patients who experience an obstetrical hemorrhage?		
Documentation requirements?		
Documentation	Yes	No
Do you require documentation of obstetrical hemorrhage risk screening/stratification upon admission and immediately postpartum?		
Do you require documentation of team communication of risk?		
Do you require documentation of the use of an obstetrical hemorrhage order set/protocol including orders implemented and outcomes?		
Do you require documentation of the implementation of the massive transfusion protocol if implemented including communication to the blood bank?		

Do you require documentation of the measurement of cumulative blood loss (quantitative preferred)?		
Do you require documentation of provider documentation of blood loss (should match nursing documentation)?		
Do you ensure documentation of post-delivery blood loss in the provider note?		
Do you require documentation of the discussion with the patient and family?		
Do you require documentation of obstetrical hemorrhage discharge education for patients?		
Education	Yes	No
Do you provide obstetrical hemorrhage education for the obstetrical team?		
Do you conduct obstetrical hemorrhage drills/simulations including debriefing to identify opportunities for improvement?		
Do you provide support for patient/family/staff for all significant hemorrhages?		
Do you have a process in place to review severe maternal hemorrhage events?		
Other:		
Notes:		

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