

To: All TBRHSC Staff and Professional Staff

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RE: New Emergency Code- **Code OB**

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A new emergency code, referred to as **Code OB**, will be launching as of **September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

A Code OB is indicated when an interdisciplinary team is needed urgently, to respond to a life-threatening obstetrical event for the pregnant patient or the fetus.

Code OB initiates a rapid response for obstetric patients on and off of the Labour and Delivery (L&D) unit with timely access to the correct medical team. Code OB will improve interdisciplinary and interdepartmental communication and can lead to improved patient outcomes.

Code OB is indicated, but is not limited to:

- Unresolved shoulder dystocia
- Cord prolapse
- Inverted uterus
- Ruptured uterus
- Massive antepartum/intrapartum hemorrhage
- Imminent delivery of any unknown gestation delivering anywhere within the Hospital
- Any other obstetrical emergency requiring an immediate interdisciplinary response

Code OB can be called from any department where there is a patient who requires emergent response for an obstetrical emergency.

**Code OB is initiated like all other codes:**

- **Dial "55"**
- **State "Code OB", location and room number (if applicable).**

Managers and Clinical Nurse Specialists have been providing staff with educational materials and a review of the policy and will continue with this as this new emergency code launches.

Please refer to the new policy and reach out to your department manager if you have any questions.