

DELIVERY ROOM COMMUNICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is a communication guide for Obstetric (OB) and Pediatric (Peds) teams who provide maternal or newborn care during deliveries. Please review the communication items below.

CHECKLIST ITEMS <i>(Items should either be stated or determined by asking.)</i>	Item performed?
Information exchanged between OB and Peds, when OB calls and asks the Peds to attend a delivery - OB: State each checklist item in this section to the Peds team. - Peds: Ask the OB team for information that was either not communicated or needs clarification.	
Brief reason why the pediatric team is needed	
Infant's gestational age	
Pertinent maternal risk factors (If there are none, it should be stated.)	
Information exchanged between OB and Peds when Peds team arrives at the delivery - OB: State checklist items in this section to the Peds team. - Peds: Ask the OB team for information that was not communicated or needs clarification.	
Peds team's announcement of their arrival at the delivery	
Brief reason why the pediatric team is needed	
Gestational age	
Pertinent maternal risk factors (If there are none, it should be stated.)	
Maternal medications, including pertinent over-the-counter drugs (If there are none, it should be stated.)	
Time of infant's birth, or how old the infant is in minutes during hand-off	
Any resuscitation measures done for the infant by the obstetric team (if applicable)	
Peds team's communication that they either require additional support, or have sufficient resources to continue resuscitation on their own	
APGAR score assignment by OB team prior to arrival of pediatric team (if applicable)	
Information exchanged on infant status between OB and Peds, after Peds stabilizes the infant - Peds: State checklist items in this section to the OB teams. - OB: Ask the Peds team for information that was not communicated or needs clarification.	
Resuscitative efforts on infant	
Infant's current clinical status	
Where the infant will be admitted	
APGAR scores	
Information communicated by Peds to the infant's family, either during or after infant stabilization - Peds: Perform checklist items in this section as specified when communicating with the family.	
Introduce yourself to the mother and family	
Discuss infant's current clinical status	
State measures done to help the infant transition	
Communicate where the infant will be admitted	
Discuss why NICU care is required (if applicable)	
Offer to answer any questions	
Offer to let the mother see, touch, and/or hold the baby	



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