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Guideline to Admission of a Pregnant Mother to Obstetric Ward

In order to further reduction of Neonatal Mortality Rate in Sri Lanka this circular is issued by giving due consideration to the following :

- Improving health outcomes of preterm infants
- Ensuring quality care shortly before/during childbirth
- Ensuring respectful care during labour for the mother.

Accordingly admission criteria for Obstetric wards will be changed as follow with effect from 01. 01.2017.

1. Pregnant mother(POA $\geq$ 24 weeks)

- Presents with signs of labour should be directly admitted to Obstetric ward.
- Develops signs of labour while in the Gynecology ward should be transferred to labour room for childbirth.

2. Pregnant mother (POA <28 weeks) with any other morbidity should be admitted to Gynecology ward.

3. Pregnant mother (POA $\geq$ 28 weeks) should be admitted to Obstetric ward.

You are instructed to comply with above the instructions and make every effort to provide quality care to pregnant mothers in preterm labour.


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