

LABOUR WARD CALLS

- Encourage obstetric team to warn neonatal team of expected problems
- Plan who should attend [e.g. advanced neonatal nurse practitioner (ANNP), SHO, SpR, consultant], and degree of urgency

Neonatal team should attend the following deliveries

- Fetal distress as assessed by obstetric team
- Thick fresh meconium
- Caesarean section under general anaesthesia (see below)
- Major congenital abnormalities (minor abnormalities will wait until working hours)
- Vacuum extraction or instrumental deliveries performed for fetal reasons (see below)
- Preterm delivery <35 weeks gestation
- Multiple pregnancy
- Severe pre-eclampsia
- Antepartum haemorrhage
- Moderate-severe Rhesus disease

It is **not** necessary for the neonatal team to attend the following deliveries:

- Elective Caesarean section under regional anaesthesia
- Meconium staining of liquor
- Breech delivery (including Caesarean section under regional anaesthesia)

Inform neonatal team after the following deliveries

(see antenatal plan in maternal notes)

- Low birth weight infant <2.5 kg
- Prolonged rupture of membranes
- Polyhydramnios
- Previous infant/perinatal death
- Illness in mother likely to affect infant:
 - maternal diabetes
 - hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism and maternal Graves' disease
 - systemic lupus erythematosus
 - myasthenia gravis
 - myotonic dystrophy
- Maternal Hepatitis B carriers
- Maternal HIV cases