Meeting Take-aways

Date: November 12, 2025
To: Pregnancy and Childbirth Care Committee Representatives
From: Amy Kaleka, Secretary, PCCC
Re: PCCC committee talking points
Points to share with your practice groups.

Updates:

- LD admission H&P updates will go live 12/9. Vaginal and delivery summaries will be aligned to copy over information. Dot phrase .obhpdraft can be reviewed prior to go live.
- The new Perinatal Director, Beth Hill-Karbowski, started in October. Beth is at nursing orientation today and will join the December meeting.

Quality Improvement/administrative updates

- Delivery updates - October delivery birth data: 408 births from 401 deliveries. See attached.
- Mifepristone use is no longer available at the Meriter Outpatient Pharmacy. However, it is available in the ED and can be prescribed by REMS certified providers. Patient and provider must sign the patient agreement form. “Fetal Demise Administration Induction” Order Set (or one-time order) should be used.
- Routine NIPT testing shifting from Center for Perinatal Care to OB provider offices. Go-live March 2026.
- Infusion Center partnership – a new workgroup is starting to provide infusions to patients with non-OB related conditions as EFM is not needed
- Meriter will not adopt the UPH Cord Blood gas policy. Meriter will continue to use current updated policy. See attached.
- OMM consults are going well. Physician/App order is required: Consult to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. There is also a secure chat group “MHM Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.” Surveys will be sent out. See attached.
- Presentation shared regarding the new Cardio OB Clinic in the Center for Perinatal Care. See attached.
- Clinical practice updates – MEWS criteria education ongoing with nursing. Badge buddies available. Increase in SSI was shared. Reach out to Justine on ways to reduce infection. See attached
- Inpatient OB updates – Unit culture project ongoing. Focus on Belonging 4-hours training starting today for LD staff.

Pharmacy Updates:

- Benzocaine 20% ointment shortage – use Dermoplast (benzocaine-menthol) spray as an alternative until further notice.
- Dana Grimm on maternity leave January-March 2026. An alternative contact person to be determined.

Education: Foundation for Black Women’s Wellness presentation “Umama Birthing Services: A Quartz covered benefit”. See attached.

Next meeting: December 10, 2025