

# INsight Risk Assessment for Obstetrics

## Fast, effective way to assess risks

ECRI Institute's web-based risk assessment survey provides perspectives from the front-line to leadership to help the organization assess the strength of obstetric services throughout their organization. Our survey tool generates reports based on survey results to help identify problems so you can focus on improvements.

## Sample questions addressed in the web-based survey:

- ▶ Does the facility enforce a policy that requires that newborns be discharged in car seats that meet Federal motor safety standards? (Adequate Follow Up)
- ▶ How effective is the transfer of neonates to or from the facility? (Communication and Information Flow)
- ▶ How familiar are you with what to do after a piece of equipment has failed? (Equipment Safety and Updated Technology)
- ▶ Does the hospital monitor its timeliness in providing medical screening exams for patients in possible labor? (Evaluation and Monitoring)
- ▶ Are Apgar scores assigned by a qualified member of the OB staff? (High Risk Newborn Conditions)
- ▶ Does the shoulder dystocia emergency management plan identify personnel to notify for assistance? (High Risk Obstetrical Issues)
- ▶ How effective is the leadership in the obstetrics department? (Leadership and Accountability)
- ▶ How frequently are patients assessed for both pain relief and side effects after receiving pain medication? (Pain Management/Anesthesia)
- ▶ How effective is the support given to breastfeeding mothers? (Patient Information and Education)
- ▶ How effective is the policy to communicate unanticipated adverse outcomes to patients? (Patient Safety and Incident Response)
- ▶ If the facility provides specialty perinatal care, does the chief of the neonatal service have the appropriate credentials? (Provider Credentialing and Conduct)
- ▶ Is both baby and mother identification verified prior to discharge? (Safe and Secure Environment of Care)
- ▶ Do personnel who interpret fetal monitor tracings receive ongoing training? (Staff Competency and Education)

## Key areas:

Adequate Follow Up  
Communication and Information Flow  
Equipment Safety and Updated Technology  
Evaluation and Monitoring  
High Risk Newborn Conditions  
High Risk Obstetrical Issues  
Leadership and Accountability  
Pain Management/Anesthesia  
Patient Information and Education  
Patient Safety and Incident Response  
Provider Credentialing and Conduct  
Safe and Secure Environment of Care  
Staff Competency and Education  
Staffing and Resources  
Urgent/Emergency Response



**Take the first step in reducing risk associated with obstetrics.**

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