

ADDRESSING COMMUNICATION DURING CESAREAN DELIVERIES ON LABOR AND DELIVERY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AMONG STAFF

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Problem:

Similar to many if not all labor and delivery units, BIDMC has created a dedicated COVID-19 operating room for COVID-19 positive and PUI patients.

The operating room is “leaned” of all non-essential equipment and personnel

Issues around communication between the OR and the rest of unit arose, as well as limitations of rapid dissemination of new processes among staff

OUR SOLUTION

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Workflow for a COVID-19 Case – FOR THE LABOR & DELIVERY PATIENT

Preoperative huddle & OR prep
Designate team leader: Often anteroom RN
Designate an OR
Print and display signage outside OR and outside ante-room (STOP and PPE posters)
Perform L&D pre-operative team briefing, as usual, including:
<input type="checkbox"/> NICU team member <input type="checkbox"/> Identify surgical back-up (OB attending) if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Inform Unit Coordinator
Anesthesia prep:
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover anesthesia machine & Omnicell <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm contents of emergency cart <input type="checkbox"/> General anesthesia: cover and prepare required equipment/drugs onto a designated cart <i>inside</i> the OR, adding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Clamp <input type="checkbox"/> HME filter & Ambu bag <input type="checkbox"/> Regional anesthesia: Prepare required equipment/pack onto a designated cart <i>inside</i> the OR <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm which supplies/drugs may be required <i>outside</i> the OR
Surgical prep:
<input type="checkbox"/> Surgical staff to physically verify and confirm the setup for case <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm which supplies & drugs will be required <i>inside</i> the OR <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm which supplies & drugs may be required <i>outside</i> the OR
Identify anteroom staff
<input type="checkbox"/> They act as safety officers & prevent entry w/o appropriate PPE <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse runner: <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia runner:
Alert additional anesthesia personnel:
<input type="checkbox"/> GA: notify the designated Airway Team Member and RT to be present or "on standby", at the discretion of anesthesia
Prepare for transfer:
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare routine transport equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm transfer team members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia attending <input type="checkbox"/> Extra member to open doors <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm route & ensure it's clear of all moveable obstacles
Contact EVS (Pg: 92746 East)
Ensure correct PPE is worn by all members*
Ensure all members leave all personal items including pagers and mobile phones <i>outside</i> the OR (to be given to OB back-up)
Scrub and circulator may leave OR after setup of room, while waiting for patient to arrive

Transfer
Route:
<input type="checkbox"/> Perform a direct transfer into the OR
Ventilator/Ambu bag:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator should be in room prior to moving patient if planning intubation <input type="checkbox"/> Not required for transfer <i>into</i> the OR (if not intubated)
Medications:
<input type="checkbox"/> Continue current infusions, per clinical indication and/or provider preference
Start of the Case
<input type="checkbox"/> Bring patient into OR with a surgical face mask <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer patient to OR table
Patient's bed
<input type="checkbox"/> OR team strip linens off bed inside OR <input type="checkbox"/> OR team pushes patient bed out of the OR <input type="checkbox"/> OR attendants decontaminate patient bed immediately in ante-room
Anesthesia
<input type="checkbox"/> Perform anesthesia time-out, as usual
Option 1: Regional anesthesia
<input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiologist <input type="checkbox"/> Primary RN <input type="checkbox"/> *Intubator (PAPR - on standby – anteroom)
Option 2: General anesthesia
<input type="checkbox"/> Intubator <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiologist <input type="checkbox"/> RT <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesiologist: administers drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Intubator: secures and confirms airway <input type="checkbox"/> RT: connects to vent and ensures that the anesthesiologist has clear instructions on how to modify vent settings <input type="checkbox"/> RT & Intubator doff and leave OR
If Emergent:
<input type="checkbox"/> An emergency CD will be performed without skipping any of the above safety steps <input type="checkbox"/> Contingency team will not provide direct patient care, however, can assist in anteroom to help don PPE for primary team

Surgical Procedure
Surgical and nursing team dons PPE and enters OR, if not already done
Surgical time-out, as usual
Communication during case:
<input type="checkbox"/> In OR team uses OR phone to contact outside support
Communication towards the end of the case:
<input type="checkbox"/> If patient required a GA, page RT (PAPR) and *Airway Team Member (PAPR) for extubation and/or transfer
End of Case
COVID team leader coordinates the return pathway, choosing one of the options below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm members and roles for subsequent care <input type="checkbox"/> Case cart take down, as usual <input type="checkbox"/> Move patient from OR table onto bed
Option 1 (regional anesthesia & stable; returns to LDR)
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient is moved to LDR, with transfer team <input type="checkbox"/> Staff members not on transfer may doff PPE and exit OR
Option 2 (transfers to ICU)
<input type="checkbox"/> RT and *Airway Team Member don PPE and enter OR (if intubated) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is moved to ICU, with transfer team (anesthesia and surgical team) <input type="checkbox"/> Anteroom nursing to hold elevator and doors <input type="checkbox"/> Staff members not on transfer may doff PPE and exit OR
Option 3 (general anesthesia & plan for extubation in OR)
<input type="checkbox"/> All staff doff PPE and leave OR except Airway Team Member, RT, Anesthesiologist, Primary Surgeon, and Primary RN <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Surgeon and RN stand away from patient on stand-by to assist <input type="checkbox"/> Perform extubation, per SOP COVID-19 airway management <input type="checkbox"/> Discard airway supplies and seal equipment, per SOP <input type="checkbox"/> RT and Airway Team Member doff PPE and leave room <input type="checkbox"/> Patient remains in OR until stable for transport by anesthesiologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia staff remains in OR until nurse is comfortable with patient status <input type="checkbox"/> When appropriate, anesthesia staff doffs and leave room
End of Case – decontamination
<input type="checkbox"/> OR to remain empty for 30min after patient leaves <input type="checkbox"/> OR attendants to clean, per protocol (plus, removal of plastic covers over anesthesia equipment and wipe down) <input type="checkbox"/> EVS to decontaminate, per protocol

*PPE for staff involved with care	
In the OR	
Anesthesia	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
Surgery OB/Scrub tech	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
Intubator	PAPR or N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
RT	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
Nursing	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
NICU	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head covers + double gloves + boot covers
Out of the OR	
Anteroom nurse	Surgical mask + eye protection + gloves
Anteroom runner	Surgical mask + eye protection + gloves
On the Transfer	
Anesthesia	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head cover + double gloves + boot covers
Surgery OB/Scrub Tech	N95 respirator + eye protection + gown + head cover + double gloves + boot covers
Anteroom RN/usher	Surgical mask + eye protection
Patient	Surgical facemask
Doffing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure a buddy is present to observe doffing!!	







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Thank you

Comments / Questions

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