Those present:
Laurie Chromy, Jenn Ury, Tami Jefferis, Amy Goss, Brenda Kelemen, Kathleen Radetsky, Lou Ann Cox

Goals for this Committee: To enhance staff knowledge, skills and comfort level with postpartum hemorrhage and Code White through organized simulation and practice on the unit.

Shift Champions are Brenda Kelemen for nights and Tami Jefferis for the day shift. Their duties will be to schedule Mock Code Whites on the unit, record staff presence at the Mocks and evaluate with the other committee members what is going well and where we still have opportunities for improvement. They will also share the role of staff education with the Educator.

Current Process:
The group began identifying our current process in the event of a PP Hemorrhage.
- Notify charge RN
- 1st RN to respond begins fundal massage
- Someone weighs blood loss - ?what constitutes a PPH? Lou Ann presented blood loss guidelines per the literature to be 500 ml or greater for a vaginal delivery, and 1000ml or greater for a C-Section delivery. The policy states greater than 1000 ml is considered a severe, uncontrolled hemorrhage and that a Code White should be called if the patient is not responding to initial measures of IV fluids, Pitocin, Methergine, blood products etc.
- Vital signs
- Oxygen
- Someone obtains the PP hemorrhage kit – questions arose about when to begin administering medics and what to start first.
- Someone to check IV access – do we need a second line?
- Someone to insert a Foley catheter if one is not present

At this point many questions arose:
- When to call a Code White?
- Who comes and what are their roles?
- Who assigns roles during a Code White?
- Should primary RN give a verbal report to those arriving for the Code?
- Who brings the PPH pack and what is in the pack?
- What about having a tackle box/cart with the necessary supplies (IV supplies, syringes ETOH wipes, oxygen tubing, Meds – Methergine and Hemabate have to be kept in the refrigerator but Lou Ann will check to see if we can keep a IV bag with Pitocin in the bottom of a tackle box to take to a Code White.
- Who would be responsible for restocking the tackle box and checking expiration dates
- The committee would like to be able to open the PPH pack to see what is inside – Lou Ann will check to see if there is another pack available before we open the one kept in the charge office.
Teaching to be done:
- Medication/drug sheet specific to our unit
- Practice sessions on the floor before we actually conduct Mock Codes
- Demo of blood loss for staff

Next Meeting:  Feb. 21, 2012  at 1400-1500
Assignments: Each committee member will bring a flow chart to the meeting designating a process flow in the event of a PPH/Code White as well as identifying roles for the responders

Lou Ann will have UCCS students on 2/21/12 and Laurie Chromy will serve as facilitator and note taker in Lou Ann’s absence

The meeting was adjourned at 1415.

Respectfully submitted by:
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