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Policy:

It is the policy of Lewis County Hospital District No. 1 to provide emergency deliveries only and emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault.

Revision Requirements:

If any revisions are made to this policy and procedure, a copy of the revision shall be submitted to the Department of Health within thirty days after the changes are approved. This is in reference to subsection (5) of WAC 246-320-141(7).

Purpose:

To educate the public on services provided or not provided at Arbor Health, Morton Hospital in regard to reproductive healthcare.

Procedure:

1. Emergency Deliveries:
 - a. Assessment of effacement, stage and contractions will be completed by the available Emergency provider.
 - i. If delivery is not imminent then the patient will be discharged.
 - ii. COBRA and EMTALA guidelines will be followed.
 - b. If the patient and unborn infant are in need of transfer then the emergency department staff at Arbor Health, Morton Hospital will arrange the appropriate transfer.
 - c. If birth is imminent then the staff at Arbor Health, Morton Hospital will use appropriate OB supplies and prepare for delivery.
 - d. Once the infant is delivered the mother and newborn will be transported to an appropriate facility by ground or air depending on the condition of newborn and/or mother.
2. Emergency Contraception:
 - a. Victims of sexual assault are provided medically accurate and unbiased written and verbal information about emergency contraception
 - b. Victims of sexual assault are informed of the option to have emergency contraception.

- i. If not medically contraindicated and if requested by the victim, the oral contraceptive Plan B (Levonorgestrel) will be administrated.
- ii. Levonorgestrel reduces the risk of pregnancy by 89% when taken as directed within 72 hours of sexual contact.
- c. Plan B (Levonorgestrel) will be kept in the emergency department Pyxis.

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