1. **Purpose**

To provide direction to health care providers for appropriate admissions to the Family Birthing Centre

 or to the patient care unit.

1. **Scope**

 Physicians, midwives, and nurses

1. **Definitions**

 Newborn-Any infant less than 24 hours of age.

 Pediatric-Patient 18 years and under, but not a newborn.

\*Note- an infant (newborn), born in another facility and transferred to this facility, will be cared for on the Family Birthing Centre, as per newborn pathway.

Postpartum period- within six weeks of delivery.

Boarder- A postpartum mother may require re-hospitalization due to illness or for surgery. To ease postpartum care, requests for baby to room in may be granted if:

1. infant is breast feeding and less than 3 months old
2. infant care can be provided by mother or a support person ( nursing staff provide care to admitted patients only or as emergency measures)

When baby does not require admission or medical treatment the status will be “boarder” when registered with admitting.

1. **Procedure**

A. NEWBORN ADMISSION: When a newborn is delivered on the Family Birthing Centre, staff will call admitting as soon as possible and provide the required information:

-Baby’s last name (always the same as what mother is registered under)

-Sex

-Time of birth

-Admitting Doctor

B. **ADMISSION of POSTPARTUM MOTHER and/or INFANT from OTHER HEALTHCARE FACILITY**:

Mother -Staff will collect 1) MRSA swabs of nares, and any incisions (episiotomy, tears)

 2) VRE swab of rectum

Baby- 1) MRSA swabs of nares, umbilicus,

 2) VRE swab of rectum

**5.0 Approved by**: Maternal Child Committee

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