

FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Policy and Procedures

SUBJECT: Reproductive Health	
DEPARTMENT: Hospital Wide	EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/2014
APPROVED:	
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POLICY:

Forks Community Hospital provides emergency deliveries only. All pregnant women that enter will be triaged in the emergency department.

Forks Community Hospital provides emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault only. Victims of sexual assault are given information pertaining to emergency contraception and if requested administration of the oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel).

PURPOSE:

To educate the public on services provided or not provided at Forks Community Hospital in regard to reproductive healthcare.

PROCEDURE:

A. Emergency Deliveries

- Assessment of effacement, stage and contractions will be completed by the available Emergency provider. If delivery is not eminent then the patient will be discharged. Cobra and EMTALA guidelines will be followed.
- If the patient and unborn infant are in need of transfer then the emergency department staff at FCH will arrange the appropriate transfer.
- If birth is eminent then the staff at FCH will use appropriate OB supplies and prepare for delivery.
- 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.

B. Emergency Contraception

- Victims of sexual assault are provided medically accurate and unbiased written and verbal information about emergency contraception.
- Victims of sexual assault are informed of the option to have emergency contraception. If not medically contraindicated and if requested by the victim, the oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel) will be administered. Levonorgestrel reduces the risk of pregnancy by 89% when taken as directed within 72 hours of sexual contact.
- Plan B (levonorgestrel) will be kept in the emergency department Pyxis.

Reference: Patient rights and organizational ethics WAC 246-320-141 (5) (d)