

KING COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 4 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Purpose:

To educate the public on the services provided or not provided at King County Public Hospital District No. 4 d/b/a Snoqualmie Valley Hospital in regard to reproductive healthcare.

Policy:

King County Public Hospital District No. 4 complies with all state and federal laws regarding reproductive health. Snoqualmie Valley Hospital provides emergency deliveries only. All pregnant women that enter will be triaged in the emergency department.

Snoqualmie Valley 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).

Nothing in this policy prevents a Provider from providing information about birth control or abortion services to a patient when the patient requests the information.

Procedure:

A. Emergency Deliveries

- Assessment of labor will be completed by the available Emergency provider by notation of effacement, stage and contractions. EMTALA guidelines shall be followed at all times.
- If the patient and unborn infant are in need of transfer, then the emergency department physician and staff at the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital will arrange for the appropriate transfer.
- If birth is imminent, then the emergency department physician and staff at the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital 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.

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 significantly reduces the risk of pregnancy when taken as directed within 72 hours of sexual contact.
- Plan B (levonorgestrel) will be kept in the emergency department.