



JOINT COMMISSION GUIDELINES

PC.06 MEASURES

What are these measures?

Will start July 2021

New requirements to improve quality of care and safety of women during pregnancy and postpartum

Aims to address the high maternal mortality rate in the United States

- US ranks 65th among industrialized nations

Emphasizes the timely treatment of hypertension and hemorrhage in pregnancy

What are some of the issues that this guidelines will address?

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- ▶ Inadequate resources and personnel.
- ▶ Failure to prepare for obstetric hemorrhage on admission or having a protocol to recognize and treat hypertension
- ▶ Delay in recognition of hemorrhage.
- ▶ Delay in treatment of hemorrhage and hypertension
- ▶ Treatment failures.

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Reduce
Harm from
Hemorrhage

EP.1

- Assess and discuss the risk for hemorrhage during the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum period

EP.2

- Evidenced based tool that includes and algorithm to identify hemorrhage
- The use of an evidence-based set of emergency response medications that are available on the obstetrical unit
- Response team members and their roles
- How the response team and procedures are activated



Hemorrhage Assessment Tool

RISK CATEGORY: ADMISSION

	Low Risk	Medium Risk (2 or More Medium Risk Factors Advance Patient to High Risk Status)	High Risk
	<input type="checkbox"/> No previous uterine incision	<input type="checkbox"/> Induction of labor (with oxytocin) or Cervical ripening	<input type="checkbox"/> Has 2 or More Medium Risk Factors
	<input type="checkbox"/> Singleton pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple gestation	<input type="checkbox"/> Active bleeding more than "bloody show"
	<input type="checkbox"/> ≤4 Previous vaginal births	<input type="checkbox"/> >4 Previous vaginal births	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspected placenta accreta or percreta
		<input type="checkbox"/> Prior cesarean birth or prior uterine incision	<input type="checkbox"/> Placenta previa, low lying placenta
	<input type="checkbox"/> No known bleeding disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Large uterine fibroids	<input type="checkbox"/> Known coagulopathy
	<input type="checkbox"/> No history of PPH	<input type="checkbox"/> History of one previous PPH	<input type="checkbox"/> History of more than one previous PPH
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family history in first degree relatives who experienced PPH (known or unknown etiology with possible coagulopathy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hematocrit <30 AND other risk factors
		<input type="checkbox"/> Chorioamnionitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Platelets <100,000/mm ³
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fetal demise	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated fetal weight greater than 4 kg	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Morbid obesity (body mass index [BMI] >35)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Polyhydramnios	

Anticipatory Interventions

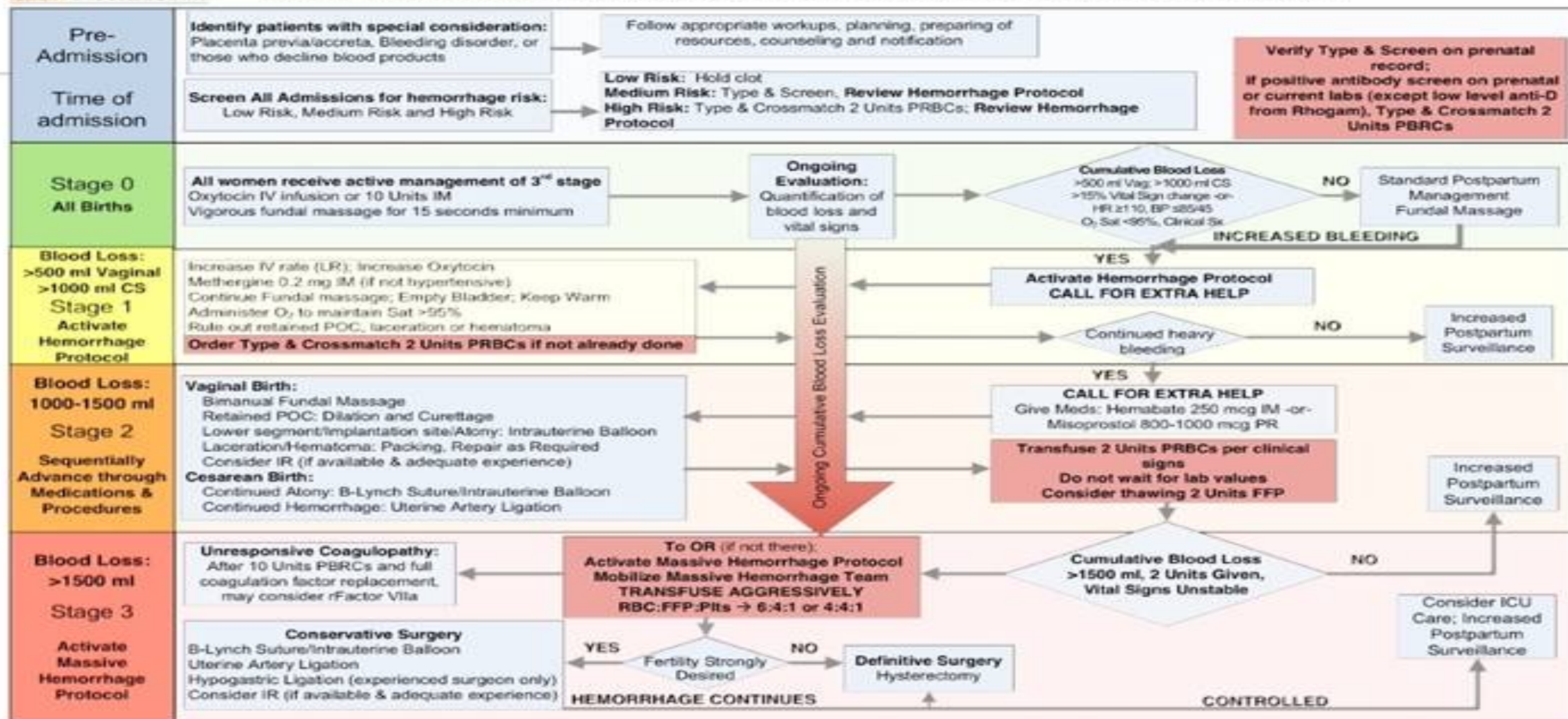
Monitor patient for any change in risk factors at admission and implement anticipatory interventions as indicated.

Blood Bank Order: Change blood bank	<input type="checkbox"/> Clot Only (Type and Hold)	<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain Type and Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain Type and Cross (See Clinical Guidelines)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Notify appropriate personnel such as the Provider (OB MD/CNM), Anesthesia, Blood Bank, Charge Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify appropriate personnel such as the Provider (OB MD/CNM), Anesthesia, Blood Bank, Charge Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist

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- ▶ EP.2 continues
 - ▶ Blood bank plan and response for emergency release of blood products and how to initiate the massive transfusion procedures
 - ▶ Guidance on when to consult additional experts and when to transfer to a higher level of care
 - ▶ Guidance on how to communicate to the family and patient during and after event
 - ▶ Criteria for when a team debrief is required immediately after a case of severe hemorrhage

OBSTETRIC HEMORRHAGE CARE SUMMARY: FLOW CHART FORMAT



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- ▶ EP.3
 - ▶ Each unit has a standardized, secure and dedicated hemorrhage supply list that must be stocked consistently
 - ▶ Supplies
 - ▶ Approved procedures to the hemorrhage response

Hemorrhage cart at the ready

A well-maintained and fully stocked hemorrhage cart should contain:

- emergency hemorrhage supplies (instruments, sponges, intrauterine tamponade balloon, urinary catheter with urometer)
- easy-to-follow hemorrhage policy/procedure binder.

The hemorrhage cart in the photo includes large laminated Stage 1 and Stage 2 hemorrhage guidelines. These cognitive aids help keep the perinatal team aware of hemorrhage and treatment recommendations.



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- ▶ EP.4
 - ▶ Provide role specific education to all staff and providers who treat pregnant and postpartum patients about the organization's hemorrhage procedure
 - ▶ At orientation
 - ▶ Whenever the process changes
 - ▶ Every 2 years

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- ▶ EP.5
 - ▶ Conduct drills at least once per year to determine any system issues as part of ongoing quality improvement
 - ▶ Drills should include all disciplines involved in the care of the patient

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EP.6

- Review cases that meet the criteria established by the organization to determine the appropriateness of care treatment and services

EP.7

- Provide education to patients and families
 - Signs and symptoms of PPH- including intraabdominal bleeding
 - When to seek care

SAVE YOUR LIFE:

Get Care for These POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Most women who give birth recover without problems. **But any woman can have complications after the birth of a baby.** Learning to recognize these POST-BIRTH warning signs and knowing what to do can save your life.

POST-BIRTH WARNING SIGNS

Call 911
if you have:

- P**ain in chest
- O**bstructed breathing or shortness of breath
- S**eizures
- T**houghts of hurting yourself or your baby

Call your healthcare provider
if you have:

(If you can't reach your healthcare provider, call 911 or go to an emergency room)

- B**leeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger
- I**ncision that is not healing
- R**ed or swollen leg, that is painful or warm to touch
- T**emperature of 100.4°F or higher
- H**eadache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes

Trust your instincts.
ALWAYS get medical care if you are not feeling well or have questions or concerns.

Tell 911 or your healthcare provider:

"I had a baby on _____ and
(Date)
I am having _____"
(Specific warning signs)



PC 06.01.03

REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF HARM
REMATED TO MATERNAL SEVERE
HYPERTENSION

PC.06.01.03-
Reduce Harm
from
Hypertension

- ▶ EP.1
 - ▶ Developed written evidence- based procedures for measuring and re-measuring blood pressure including procedures to identify severe hypertension

Blood Pressure Assessment Standard

- Seated position w/ legs flat, bare upper arm after brief period of rest (preferably 5-10 minutes)
- Manual sphygmomanometer w/ appropriate cuff
 - Use 1st and last audible (Korotkoff 1 and V) sound recorded to nearest 2mmHg
 - Perform 2 additional readings at least 1 minute apart
 - ✓ Record HIGHEST reading
- If BP \geq 140/90 mmHg or higher, repeat within 30 minutes- if still elevated, evaluate patient for preeclampsia
 - Do not reposition patient to either side



Treatment & Guidelines for Acute, Severe Hypertension

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- ▶ EP.2 Develop written evidence-based procedures for managing pregnant and postpartum patients with severe hypertension
 - ▶ Use of evidence-based set of emergency response medications that are stocked and immediately available on the unit
 - ▶ The use of seizure prophylaxis
 - ▶ Guidance on when to consult additional experts and consider transfer to a higher level of care
 - ▶ Guidance of when to use continuous fetal monitoring
 - ▶ Guidance on when to consider emergent delivery
 - ▶ Guidance of when a team debrief is required

ACOG COMMITTEE OPINION

Number 767

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Committee on Obstetric Practice

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INTERIM UPDATE: This Committee Opinion is updated as highlighted to align with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' guidance on gestational hypertension, preeclampsia, and chronic hypertension in pregnancy.

Emergent Therapy for Acute-Onset, Severe Hypertension During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period

Hypertensive Emergency in Pregnancy

- ▶ Systolic BP of 160 mm Hg or greater—
2 readings 15 minutes apart within
one hour

OR

- ▶ Diastolic BP of 110 mm Hg or greater
— 2 readings 15 minutes apart within
one hour
- ▶ Prompt recognition and treatment
improves outcomes

Management of Hypertensive Emergencies



Goals

- Prevent end-organ damage
- Avoid eclamptic seizure
- Immediate and prompt treatment
 - 30 to 60 minutes after diagnosis

Note:

- Returning BP to normal should not be a goal

Management

- ▶ Neuro-prophylaxis
 - ▶ Magnesium sulfate is the drug of choice
 - ▶ Dose: 4-6gm bolus, followed by 2 gms /hr.
 - ▶ Care should be taken in patients with decreased renal function



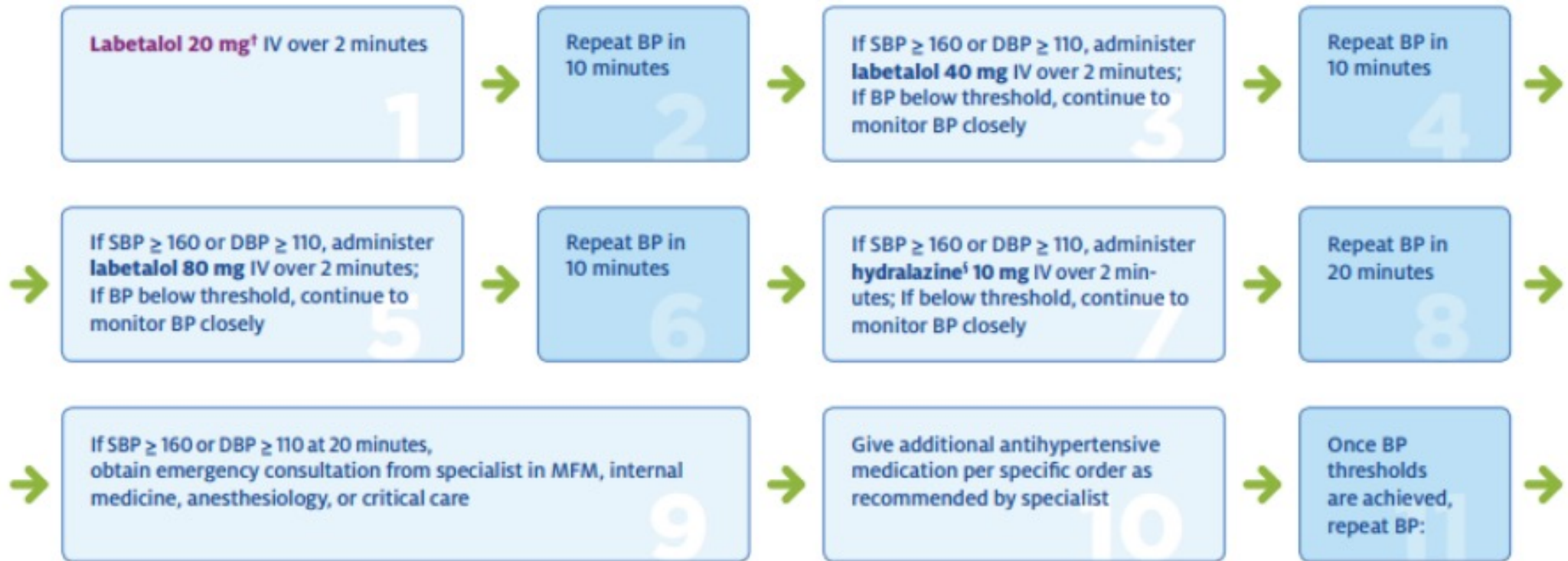
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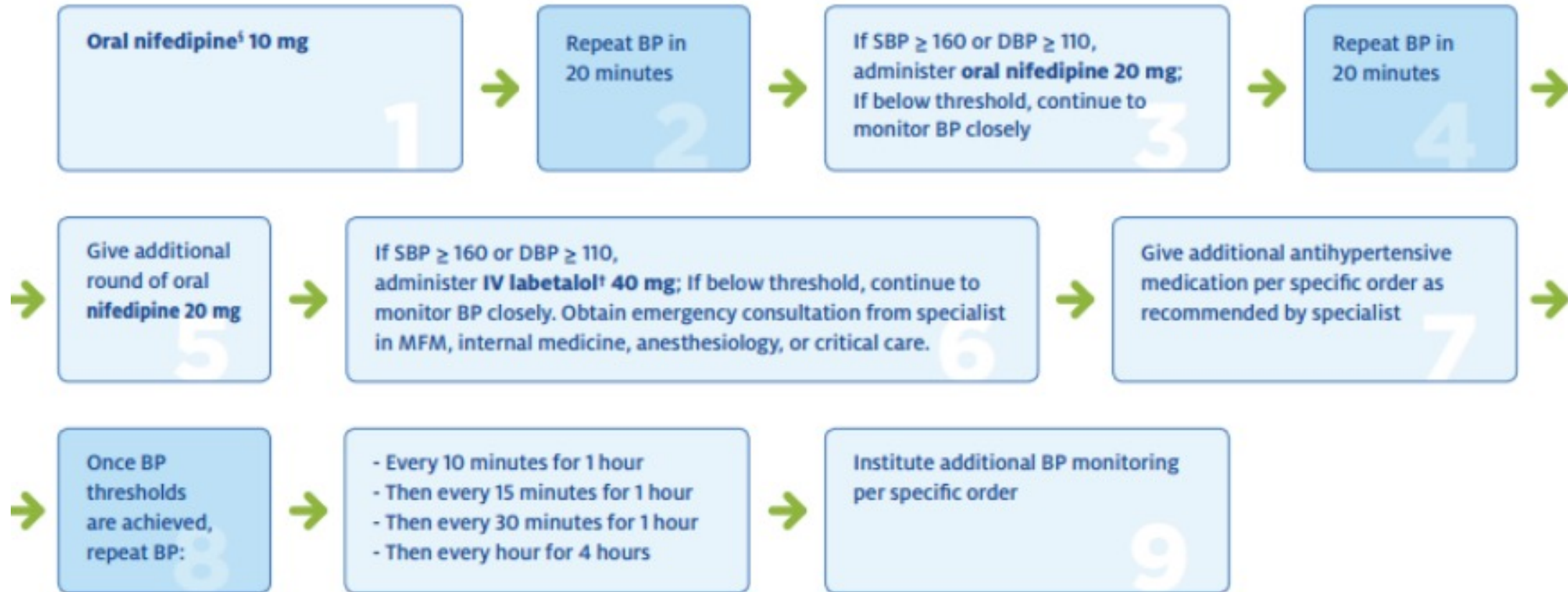
Labetalol



Hydralazine



Nifedipine



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Debriefing Phases ^a	Yes/No	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a safe and respectful environment • All participants understand confidentiality 		
Reaction Phase (Experience and Impact)		
Participants are given time to vent Encourage to share experiences and views <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were your impressions of the simulation experience? 		
Acknowledge, support and encourage discussion of emotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you feel? • How did you feel about the team's performance? 		
Analysis Phase (Recollection)		
Major events are deconstructed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened? • What was done well? • What could have been better? Discuss - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - roles - equipment - identification of problem - communication (timing, information) 		
Promote reflection by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of video playback been used to prompt discussion and reflection • Foster self-reflection 		
Consolidation Phase (Integration and Closure)		
Application of learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance • What has been learned • Transfer to clinical settings • What if anything would you change / do differently? (own practice/work environment) • Revisit emotions • Lessons learnt • New goals 		

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- ▶ EP.6
 - ▶ Provide education to patients and their families
 - ▶ Signs and symptoms of severe hypertension for patients managed as an outpatient in the antepartum period
 - ▶ Signs and symptoms of severe hypertension at discharge
 - ▶ When to schedule a follow up appointment
 - ▶ Twice weekly testing if still antepartum
 - ▶ Within one week for postpartum patients



HEAR

HEAR HER concerns



Conclusions

JACHO PC 06 guidelines will be required for all hospitals delivering obstetrical care

Focus will be on hypertension and hemorrhage

Goals are to improve maternal care through standardization and multi-disciplinary teamwork and continuous quality improvement