

Scope:

All hospital and clinic locations

Purpose:

To clarify the reproductive health services provided at King County Public Hospital District No. 4
d/b/a Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

Statement:

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital offers some but not all reproductive health services. We will provide unbiased information and support a woman through her decision making process. For those services which we do not provide an appropriate referral will be coordinated.

Policy:

It is the intention of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital to comply with all state and federal laws regarding reproductive health. Snoqualmie Valley Hospital only provides emergency deliveries in the emergency department.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital provides emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault. Victims of sexual assault are given unbiased information pertaining to emergency contraception and if requested administration of the oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel). [RCW 70.41.350]

Nothing in this policy prevents a hospital or clinic provider from providing information about birth control or abortion services to a patient when the patient requests the information. Birth control prescriptions of all forms (oral, injectable, topical, barrier) and intra-uterine birth control devices (IUDs) can be prescribed and/or administered and/or implanted upon verbal informed consent by the patient regardless of age.

Procedure:

Emergency Deliveries

- Assessment of labor will be completed by the available Emergency physician. EMTALA guidelines shall be followed at all times.
- If the patient and unborn infant are in need of transfer to a more suited facility and stabilization has been accomplished, the emergency department physician will arrange for the transfer via an appropriately monitored and supported medical vehicle.
- If birth is imminent the emergency department physician and staff will proceed to support the delivery. Once the infant is delivered, the mother and newborn will be transported to an accepting facility for further evaluation and care.
- Emergency department staff will participate in annual competency assessment for this low-frequency occurrence.

Emergency Contraception

- Victims of sexual assault are provided medically accurate and unbiased written and verbal information about emergency contraception options.
- 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 available in the emergency department at all times.

References

Reference Type	Title	Notes
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