

This is effective as of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The security of our smallest patients continues to be a top priority within Gundersen Health System. Due to changes in the physical layout of our Maternal Child units, the build of the Legacy Hospital, and multiple external factors we are continually assessing our current practices for infant security and prevention of an abduction. There are several recommended elements to help prevent an abduction which we have in place. However, we also know due to a review of the system and drills conducted in the last year we have opportunities to improve.

One of the recommended criteria for prevention is to establish an access control policy and procedure for the nursing unit, nursery, maternity, neonatal intensive care and pediatrics units to maximize safety. In a review of our current process for granting access to these areas, we found that we needed to decrease the number of staff who have access and put a process in place for granting access.

Currently, we are reviewing who has badge access to the Labor & Delivery Unit and removing those that are not working with this population of patients on a regular basis. One group that is not entering this area on a regular basis is learners. Effective immediately learners will no longer have badge access to the Labor & Delivery Unit. Learners can access the unit by checking in with the HUC at the visitor desk. As the physical layout of the other units on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor is evaluated to increase security the limited access criteria will spread.

We thank you for understanding and support for these changes to keep our patients safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Maternal Child Leadership.

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