

## **NEWBORN TRANSFER PROTOCOL**

**Purpose: To facilitate the safe, timely and effective transfer of newborn care from Community Midwives to the PeaceHealth Pediatric Hospitalist service at St. Joseph Hospital Childbirth Center. Also, through collaboration, to promote the best experience for families who are transitioning care to the hospital setting.**

For the purpose of newborn transfer, there are 2 pathways with which to contact the Pediatric Hospitalist on call. One is for life-threatening emergency and the other for all other transfers.

For consultations not requiring admission, please contact PHMG Pediatrics outpatient clinic at 360-738-2200.

### **1. EMERGENCY TRANSFER:**

**CALL DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITALIST: 360-738-6300, EXT. 2336 #**  
(Extension must be followed by the # sign).

**If there is no answer, call Special Care Nursery at 360-738-6362 and give pertinent details to RN.**

This is the pathway for the critically ill infant. This can include respiratory failure, distress or depression. Also it can include resuscitation in progress without appropriate response, signs or symptoms of sepsis, decreased tone/responsiveness, symptomatic hypoglycemia, seizures or other acute issues. This number is to be called when the newborn's condition is imminently life-threatening.

When calling this number, it is understood that the attending midwife will give a brief synopsis of details pertinent to immediate care of the baby. Full historical details can follow later.

### **2. NON-EMERGENCY TRANSFER:**

**PAGE THE HOSPITALIST: 360-527-7288**

This can include the infant in mild respiratory distress whose oxygen saturations are normal, otherwise stable infant in whom there is concern for sepsis, infant with feeding issues, infant with hyperbilirubinemia, infant with suspected congenital anomaly or any other condition possibly needing hospital admission but which is not acutely life-threatening.