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03/11/2009 Coders Meeting Summary

Nine of the twelve hospitals in the region were represented at this months meeting. (Arnot Ogden, Corning, Geneva, Highland, St James, Lakeside, Noyes, Unity, and SMH).

I. Introduction:

We would like to introduce Lakeside Hospital new nurse manager Tracy Orzech.

We also enjoyed our lunch.

II. Statewide Perinatal Data System Update:

The SPDS has been taken down twice during the past two months.

Fines for birth certificate that are late. All birth certificate must be at the local registry in five days. Peter Carucci knows it is unrealistic. I have not heard of any hospital being fined.

Letter to all about same sex marriages:

I am writing to advise you of upcoming changes in New York State's birth certificates and in the procedures for preparing them.

Earlier this year, the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York decided the case of *Martinez v. County of Monroe*, 850 N.Y.S. 740 (4th Dept. 2008). The Court held that same-sex marriages lawfully performed in other jurisdictions must be recognized in New York State. Following that decision, Governor Paterson directed all New York State agencies, including this Department, to review its procedures and to make any changes necessary to treat same-sex married couples the same as they would heterosexual married couples.

As a result, starting immediately, any married woman that gives birth at your hospital will have her spouse -male or female -listed on the birth certificate as the second parent. The hospital has no duty to verify the fact that the two parents are legally married, any more than it did in the past for heterosexual couples. No proof of marriage is necessary.

The Department is currently revising our software for birth certificate preparation, a process that could take several months. In the meantime, we have prepared revised Certificates of Live Birth and SPDS Work Booklets, which will be provided to your local registrar of vital statistics. These will be available for your use should you have a birth to two married women in your hospital.

In the event of a birth to a married same-sex couple, or if you have any questions about these changes and the new procedures, please call the SPDS Help Desk at (518) 486-5167.

III. Conference Call with Charlotte Gardner:

Charlotte mentioned that they have a new News Letter that will be mailed out soon. She also mentioned how to order supplies – go on line at nychildsupport.com and print out the order form, fill out and then fax it to 518-473-1643 attention Charlotte Gardner. Also that only mother's and father's can fill out on AOP not same sex couples.

A hospital had sent a birth certificate over to vital records. Vital records called and said that there was a write over in the baby's name field and that dad's information had to be removed. A request for a unlock from NYSDOH was rejected because they are no longer allowed to unlock for removal of father's information without a letter from the Office of Child and Family per letter that was sent out by Terry Sowinski on February 27, 2009.

A letter from Monique Rabideau about this issue:

Charlotte forwarded me the string of emails and we discussed some of the information not covered here so I thought I would send you and email to clarify a few things.

With respect to the unlocking of a birth certificate, we would not have any role in this unless your local birth registrar submitted the AOP to the Putative Father Registry (PFR) and it was rejected. In this situation the PFR would reject back to your local birth registrar with a letter indicating why it was rejected and providing instruction as to what they need to do - e.g., get it fixed or take the father's name off the birth certificate.

If the local registrar did not submit to the PFR and is returning to you to have you unlock the birth certificate there would be no accompanying letter from the PFR as we are not the entity rejecting the AOP and thus would not have a role in this.

I hope this clarifies this a bit. If not, please feel free to email Charlotte or me.

Thanks and have a nice day.

Monique

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As a result of all of this the father's information was removed and soon we will have another option on the list for reasons for unlock that will say something about the AOP having been filed with the Putative Father Registry.

IV. Coder Fax:

We reviewed the January coder fax and the area of concern was the coding of "Fetal Presentation" the baby was found in the transverse back down position, when coding a transverse presentation you would select "OTHER". Also there is not need to code Malpresentation as "Indication for C/S" because they did not know until delivery.
Propafol = General IV

V. Coders Issues:

Total Number of Visits – Only count what is on the graph.

C/S – There seems to be a discrepancy between the number of previous c/s and the total number of pregnancies. Barb will be doing an analysis and will send out to everyone via e-mail.

Multiple Births – When coding Twin B the number of living increases to reflect birth of Twin A. The total number of PRIOR pregnancies remains the same of for Twin A. The Date of Last Live Birth changes for Twin B to reflect birth of Twin A.

Other Serious Chronic Illnesses – Poorly defined and is not a very useful field. NYSDOH needs to define with more detail.

Trial of Labor – If C/S was trial labor attempted Yes/No – If mom was admitted for an ARM induction and never went into labor the answer would be NO. Elective = planned

How is Infant Being Feed at Discharge – This is not the intent when mom arrives in labor but at DISCHARGE. As we all know mom change their minds during the post partum period.

Serology Date - Use the earliest date.

VI. Meeting Closure:

Our next meeting is **May 13, 2009** Rochester, NY Corporate Woods 120 Corporate Woods.

If you have any topics you would like presented or discussed please let us know.