

# Finger Lakes Regional Perinatal Data System

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## 10/14/2007 Coders Meeting Summary

Six of the twelve hospitals in the region were represented at this months meeting. (Arnot, Corning, Highland, Lakeside, Noyes and SMH).

### **I. Introduction:**

There have been some changes in staff at hospitals in our region. First of all is Arnot Ogden, Mary Lou Denissoff has left and taking her place is Sherry Coster. Second is Newark Wayne, Karen Miner has left and taking her place is Jamie Conow. Third is Corning Hospital, Melissa Stephens has left and taking her place are two people Jennie Turner and Maryann Gontarz.

### **II. Statewide Perinatal Data System Update:**

The only thing to report on the Statewide Perinatal Data System is that it was down on October 31<sup>st</sup> to change the name of a hospital.

### **III. Coder Fax:**

We reviewed the September coder fax and an area of concern was in the coding of steroids. In the record it states "Will Start BMZ Course" BMZ = betamethasone and that is a drug for fetal lung maturity and needs to be coded under Characteristics of Labor and Delivery. Also in the September and October coder faxes one was a compound presentation and the other was a breech presentation. In coding the indications for c-section you must remember to code Fetus at Risk/NFS with Malpresentation.

Definition reminder – Premature Rupture of Membranes – Select this item if there was spontaneous tearing of the amniotic sac (natural breaking of the (bag of Waters), 12 hours or more before labor begins.

- Prolonged Rupture of Membranes – Select this item if the mother's membranes ruptured 12 hours or more before delivery.

### **IV Lighting Up..**

Ann Dozer, Asst. Professor, Community and Preventive Medicine presented a slide show about Smoking in the Finger Lakes 2004-2005. Ann continues to emphasize how important it is to ask the moms how much they are smoking. The more data that is missing, the more lost of information.

### **IV. Meeting Closure:**

Our next meeting is January 09, 2008 Rochester, NY Corporate Woods, 120 Corporate Woods.

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

