

COVID-19

GENERAL ANAESTHESIA (or high risk of conversion to GA)

TEAM BRIEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALL staff to be present, including neonatal team• Complete COVID-19 In Brief form - discuss all relevant obstetric, medical, surgical and social issues too• Midwife returns to room and dons level 1 PPE
DELIVERY ROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put catheter in• Collect consent form and care plan only – leave all other notes in room• Put a face mask on the woman (if not wearing one already)
DON PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All staff except midwife now don level 2 PPE (FFP3 mask)• Surgeons and scrub staff scrub in Scrub Area• Anaesthetic team staff double glove as a minimum
PREPARE THEATRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANAESTHETIC TEAM - prepare drugs and kit for GA• SCRUB TEAM - prepare surgical equipment• NEONATOLOGIST - check resuscitaire (± trolley, if required)• Call Delivery Room when ready for woman
TRANSFER WOMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinator clears corridors & open doors• Midwife pushes woman into theatre for team to transfer to bed• Midwife doffs level 1 PPE at doffing station in theatre, exits via sluice and dons level 2 PPE in Theatre 1 Corridor
INDUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put monitoring, flowtrons and diathermy pad on• Perform SIGN IN and TIME OUT as a team• All but Anaesthetic Team then wait in Scrub Area• Induce anaesthesia using INDUCTION CHECKILIST
SURGERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach table on Anaesthetist's instruction• Request any additional items required from Runner (dial 3777)• Request bed from destination area• Do a SIGN OUT & DEBRIEF at the end of the case
EXTUBATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer woman to bed• All staff except Anaesthetic Team to leave theatre - Midwife to take baby out• Recovery nurse (if required) to enter in level 2 PPE• Extubate the patient using the EXTUBATION CHECKLIST
RECOVERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anaesthetic practitioner/Recovery Nurse recover woman• Inform destination area and Coordinator of readiness for discharge• Staff in level 1 PPE to collect patient at theatre door• Theatre Staff doff PPE and exit
CLEAN & PREPARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theatre team enter theatre in level 1 PPE to clean and prepare for next case (at least 20 minutes AFTER EXTUBATION, not after woman's exit)• Replace plastic bag covers, drug and kit bags and re-stock items from corridor

For full details on procedural steps, refer to the Standard Operating Procedure