

COVID-19

REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA (SPINAL OR EPIDURAL TOP-UP)

TEAM BRIEF

- 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

- Put catheter in (if not already 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

- All staff now don level 1 PPE
- Surgeons and scrub staff scrub in Scrub Area
- Anaesthetic team staff double glove as a minimum

PREPARE THEATRE

- ANAESTHETIC TEAM - prepare drugs and kit for regional case
- SCRUB TEAM - prepare surgical equipment
- NEONATOLOGIST - check resuscitaire (± trolley, if required)
- Call Delivery Room when ready for woman

TRANSFER WOMAN

- IF EPIDURAL TOP-UP: Anaesthetist to go to delivery room and start top-up
- Coordinator clears corridors & open doors
- Midwife (± Anaesthetist, if top-up) pushes woman into theatre for team to transfer to bed

BEFORE SURGERY

- Perform SIGN IN and put monitoring on
- Do spinal anaesthetic or complete epidural top-up
- Put flowtrons and diathermy pad on
- Confirm block height

SURGERY

- Position patient for surgery (if not caesarean delivery) & do TIME OUT
- 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

AFTER SURGERY

- Transfer woman to bed
- Surgical and Scrub staff doff PPE
- Recovery nurse (if required) to enter in level 1 PPE
- Baby and Midwife remain with woman

RECOVERY

- 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
- Staff not transferring woman doff PPE and exit

CLEAN & PREPARE

- Theatre team enter theatre in level 1 PPE to clean and prepare for next case after woman leaves theatre (NO need to wait)
- Replace plastic bag covers, drug and kit bags and re-stock items from corridor