## Appendix CC: Sample Hemorrhage Rapid Debrief Form



## Guidance for rapid debrief tools: A resource from CMQCC Maternal Data Center

The debrief form is a tool for clinicians to learn from critical events. The purpose is not to fill out another form, but rather to guide a discussion of the care provided. Some debriefs will highlight the optimal teamwork of your staff, some will provide an opportunity to provide education, and others will highlight processes that may require improvement beyond reinforcement of existing systems. Debriefs that bring to light concerning issues can help focus deeper case review in which specific times, values, and documentation will be required to evaluate the care more thoroughly.

Debriefing is appropriate both for simulation drills and live events and is required by The Joint Commission's New Standards for Perinatal Safety (Effective January 1, 2021). To facilitate debriefing, participants should have a safe private area for discussion, understand that all input is valued, self-reflection is important, and be assured that all discussions during debriefings are confidential. (Gardner, 2013)

The sample rapid debrief tools have been designed to encourage consistent completion for all events meeting debrief criteria per institutional policy. When considering the *possible* criteria that could trigger the need for a debrief, it will be useful to have discussion with your perinatal quality improvement team. Appropriateness and relevance of criteria will vary among facilities. We recommend listing your facility's selected debrief triggers directly on the debrief form for quick reference.

There are a series of check boxes specific to the event type to allow for a rapid, yet thorough, debrief and avoid missing key information. When debrief tools are non-specific, they often yield incomplete reviews of the event when providers and staff are under pressure to move on to the next case, and unable to include essential information. The questions and case details provide prompts so that the debrief can be a seamless collection of necessary information. It is important to have all members of the care team involved in the case, and especially the provider, present for the debrief so that all points of view are shared. Debriefing should be completed as soon as possible after the patient's health has stabilized and before the provider leaves the unit. A timely discussion assures that detail recall is accurate, and all members of the team are able to immediately process the care provided up to the present.

Reference: Gardner R. Introduction to debriefing. Semin Perinatol. Jun 2013;37(3):166-174.



We recommend listing your facility's chosen debrief criteria directly on the form for quick reference. This is a list of *example* criteria for triggering the completion of a Hemorrhage Debrief. Criteria will vary among facilities often based on volume and should be decided on by your perinatal QI team.

## **Hemorrhage Debrief**

Example criteria for completing a hemorrhage debrief:

- Cumulative Blood Loss > 500mL with continued bleeding
- Cumulative Blood Loss > 1,000mL
- Use of uterotonics (beyond standard postpartum oxytocin dose) or procedures (e.g., D&C, tamponade balloon, B-Lynch suture, interventional radiology)
- TransfusionTransfusion > 2 units PRBCs

Date:
Team members present for debrief (OB provider, primary nurse, and anesthesiologist are key):
Hemorrhage risk assessment category? $\square$ Low $\square$ Medium $\square$ High $\square$ Not Completed
OB Hemorrhage code called?   Yes   No
Blood loss measured quantitatively?   Yes  No
Did you have the RN/OB Provider support/consultation you needed? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
Did you have the supplies you needed? ☐ Yes ☐No
Did the team work and communicate effectively together? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
Delay: $\square$ None $\square$ Recognition $\square$ Notification $\square$ Provider Response $\square$ Receiving Blood Products $\square$ Medication/Supplies Availability
Case Details:
Gestational Age:weeks
Labor: ☐ Spontaneous ☐ Augmented ☐ Induced ☐ No Labor
Delivery: ☐ Cesarean ☐ Vaginal ☐ Operative Vaginal
Transfusion: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
If "Yes"- $\square$ Crossmatched $\square$ Type Specific $\square$ O Type Emergency Release $\square$ MTP
Meds: $\square$ Oxytocin $\square$ Methylergonovine $\square$ Carboprost $\square$ TXA $\square$ Misoprostol $\square$ Other
Intrauterine Device (e.g., balloon, suction): $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
D&C: ☐ Yes ☐ No Hysterectomy: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Other surgical or radiology procedures:   Yes  No
Transfer to higher level of care (i.e., ICU): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Successes of Management:
Opportunities for Improvement:
Additional Feedback:
Debrief must be returned to Educator, Supervisor, or CNS at end of shift.
Submitted by (optional):
Educator, Supervisor, or CNS
Successes and Lessons learned shared with providers and staff through:
☐ Staff Meeting
□ E-blast
☐ Educational programming
☐ Quality Board
□ Other
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