APPENDIX B: SAMPLE TREATMENT OF SEVERE PREECLAMPSIA ALGORITHM

Treatment for Severe Preeclampsia

Systolic BP ≥ 160 mmHg and/or
Diastolic BP ≥ 110 mmHg

Inform OB team

If preeclampsia proceed below

• IV access
• Monitor FHT
• Send labs

IV Antihypertensive Medication
(either chain below)

Labetalol 20 mg

Repeat BP in 10 mins if elevated administer labetalol 40 mg

Repeat BP in 10 mins if elevated administer labetalol 80 mg

Repeat BP in 20 mins if elevated administer hydralazine 10 mg

Repeat BP in 10 mins if elevated administer hydralazine 10 mg

See reverse side for eclampsia management

Seizure Prophylaxis

Magnesium sulfate bolus dose 4 - 6 g (over 20 mins)

Magnesium sulfate maintenance dose 1 - 2 g/hr

Check serum magnesium levels (if indicated)

Emergent therapy for acute-onset, severe hypertension with preeclampsia or eclampsia.
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