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**ORDER**

A large portion of the Maternal deaths occurring in the facilities are found to be in the postpartum period as a result of complications originating in the postpartum period like post-partum haemorrhage, Eclampsia, sepsis etc. Hence immediate post-partum care is vital in both normal delivery and more so in caesarean section.

With a view to establish comprehensive monitoring of women in post-partum period (both normal delivery and caesarean Section), specialized Obstetric nurses are to be deputed for Post-partum, especially post-operative care in all the Medical College & Hospitals/Institute, District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospital, State General hospital and Super-speciality Hospitals in the State. They will perform monitoring of vitals, detection of complications if any, initiate management, inform concerned OBG/ BIC and arrange for appropriate action to be undertaken immediately to reduce morbidity and mortality of mother and child for atleast 12 hours after delivery.

The MSVP/Superintendent of the MCHs and DHs will ensure that a team of 8 (eight) nursing staff having B.Sc. (Nursing) degree is selected from the pool of available staff nurses in the facility to monitor immediate post-partum mothers in three shifts with 2 staffs in each shift. MSVP/Superintendent will also depute a supervisor who will monitor the daily activities of these special Obstetric Nurses.

A separate ward for the immediate post-partum mothers (Both caesarean section and vaginal delivery) to be designated in larger hospitals for easier monitoring of the said cases. In other hospitals, an area is to be designated for the immediate post-partum mothers in the general post-partum ward. The area needs to be nearer the nursing station for easier monitoring.

Maintenance of real time Partograph helps in identification of complications and decision making regarding management of labour. The said obstetric nurses may also be utilized to ensure maintenance of Partograph in proper manner in the antenatal ward for patients in labor.

In this regard, the obstetric nurses will undergo an orientation on Post-Partum care and partograph at the Skill labs and a checklist will be made available to them for monitoring to facilitate monitoring and care provision.

This order will take immediate effect in all the Govt. MCHs and DHs in West Bengal and will remain in force until further orders

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