EMERGENCY CENTRE

PRESENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF STAFF AND VISITORS (INCLUDING PATIENTS FROM THE MOTHER BABY UNIT) AT THE EMERGENCY CENTRE WITH NON-GYNAECOLOGICAL OR OBSTETRIC CONDITIONS

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1. PURPOSE
To appropriately triage and provide initial care to staff, visitors and patients from the Mother Baby Unit who present at the Emergency Centre with non-gynaecological or obstetric conditions. Timely access to emergency care can improve patient outcomes.

2. PROCEDURE

- A staff member, visitor or patient from the Mother Baby Unit who presents at the Emergency Centre shall be assessed by the triage nurse / midwife in the unit. It is inappropriate to triage any person by telephone including staff members. If an internal call is received about a staff member, visitor / client, or patient in the MBU asking for advice the person must be advised to present at the EC.

- Under no circumstances are internal requests to be made to EC for prescriptions for outpatient attendees to occur. If an outpatient requires medication (even if it is obstetric or gynaecology related) they must be advised to present to their GP or the Emergency centre where she will be triaged and assessed appropriately.

- MBU patients who have been assessed by a medical practitioner in the MBU and referred to KEMH EC for admission shall be assessed and triaged as outlined below. If the referring medical practitioner has recommended admission to KEMH this shall occur.

- On presentation the triage nurse / midwife must assess the following:
  - Chief complaint
  - General appearance
  - Airway
  - Breathing
  - Circulation
  - Disability
  - Environment
  - Limited history
  - Co-morbidities.

- Perform a quick evaluation to assess whether the patient is clinically stable.

- Identify those patients who have evidence of, or are at high risk of physiological instability.

- Assign an appropriate ATS category in response to the clinical assessment data.
• Provide immediate care as per the ATS category and arrange transfer to the Emergency Department at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. The mode of transfer will be dependent on the presenting complaint, the clinical status of the patient and availability of appropriate transport.

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