



GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION OF REGIONAL OBSTETRICAL PRE-ADMISSION ASSESSMENT RECORD

The regional **Obstetrical Pre-Admission Assessment** record has been developed by the Southwestern Ontario Perinatal Partnership (SWOPP) and is based upon input received from all of the hospitals offering birth care in the region. The intent of this form is to promote a consistently high standard of intrapartum care throughout southwestern Ontario. The Pre-Admission Assessment record is intended to provide valuable preliminary client information to enhance the use of the regional Labour Record.

In an effort to reduce duplicate questioning/documentation, use of the first side of the Obstetrical Pre-Admission Assessment is optional if a completed Ontario Antenatal Record (OAR) Part I and II is available. This should be indicated on the Pre-admission form eg. “Deferred – see Ontario Antenatal Record.” Where gaps of information exist on the OAR, the health care provider might consider completing side one of the Pre-Admission Assessment form as well. Whether or not the OAR is available, **side two of the Obstetrical Pre-Admission Assessment record should always be completed.**

To facilitate accurate history taking, provide patient teaching as needed and to offer emotional support when exploring sensitive areas of questioning, it is strongly recommended that the health care provider interview the patient and not leave the patient to answer the questions on her own.

When asking questions concerning woman abuse, the patient should be questioned privately. This includes in the absence of young children. Questioning should be direct, non-judgmental and should convey an attitude of respect and belief in her story. All health care providers engaged in this type of questioning should be aware of services for abused women that are available in the community. Disclosure of abuse should be accompanied by further documentation in the narrative note outlining more detail regarding what the patient stated, what was observed and what interventions were offered. Health care providers should be guided by the policies/procedures of the hospital concerning questioning, documentation and intervention regarding woman abuse.

Disclaimer: The Southwestern Ontario Perinatal Partnership has used practical experience and relevant legislation/national guidelines to develop this documentation record. We accept no responsibility for interpretation of the information or results of decisions made based on the information documented on this record.