

Competency Assessment Tool-Outpatient Postpartum Care

Provider: _____ Date: _____

How patient encounters of this type have you completed thus far? _____

Select Type: Routine [] High Risk []

Please circle the word corresponding to the candidate’s performance in each category, **irrespective of the training level.**

Intraconception and preventative care:

(Novice)		(Competent)		(Expert)
Little understanding of postpartum preventative or contraceptive care needs		Addresses medications, vaccinations, diet and exercise, back to work concerns, drug, tobacco and alcohol use in postpartum period, as well as contraception needs including timing of initiation		Anticipates preventative care measures in the context of patients overall health care plan

Risk management:

(Novice)		(Competent)		(Expert)
Little understanding of the patient risk factors in pregnancy or overall risk of postpartum complications, or development of future complications		Has clear and well-articulated understanding of risks, and care pathways needed in postpartum management including future VBAC counseling, depression, late delivery sequelae, diabetes and hypertension risk and domestic violence screening.		Anticipates potential complications based on full assessment of history and contextual risk factors and proactively integrates them into postpartum care process

Communications skills:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Does not engage patient in decision making regarding postpartum care		Engages the patient and family in decisions regarding infant care, breastfeeding and post pregnancy care and communicates plan with care team		Has strong teamwork built among care team, anticipates questions and empowers team members to add to the care of the patient and their family

Postpartum Examination:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Needs assistance in completing full exam and recognizing abnormal findings		Addresses patient concerns, does complete exam without guidance and knows abnormal findings of common complications		Anticipates all patient concerns within social and cultural context and knowledgeable of uncommon complications. Completes exam fully and efficiently.

Counseling and education:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unaware of educational needs or social and community resources available		Provides appropriate postpartum education, social and community services.		Familiar with all available educational, social and community resources, tailors to patients needs and cultural expectations

Overall on this task did the provider demonstrate competency to perform this labor management independently?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Attending: _____ (Print) _____