

Guidelines for the Attendance of HSC ACTS Team at High Risk Deliveries

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care ([MOHLTC](#)) guidelines for tertiary perinatal care dictate that mothers with high-risk fetuses should be managed and delivered in a tertiary care institution. Whenever possible, an attempt for an antenatal transfer of the mother and fetus to a perinatal unit should occur. This can be arranged by contacting [CRITICALL](#) at 1-800-668-4357.

On occasion, safe antenatal transfer of the mother and fetus is not possible. In order to provide assistance to community hospital staff in these instances, the ACTS Team will be available to attend the delivery of these infants at any hospital within the Central East region of Ontario for situations that meet the following criteria:

Criteria for ACTS Team Attendance of High Risk Deliveries:
• <32 weeks gestation singleton or twins
• <34 weeks gestation triplets
• <34 weeks gestation quadruplets
• Congenital Anomaly E.g. CHD, Hydrops
• Surgical Anomaly E.g. CDH, Gastroschisis, TEF, Omphalocele

Requests placed by either the referring attending Obstetrician or Paediatrician, will be handled by an HSC neonatal physician and a member of the ACTS Team.

The referral physician will be asked to provide the following information:
• Mother's name and OHIP number
• Gestational age of fetus, information about any known abnormalities and any information about fetal well-being (e.g., BPP, NST)
• Details about the attempts made to arrange a maternal transfer to a perinatal centre
• Details about the pregnancy and current labor status as well as anticipated time of delivery
• The name of the Paediatrician at the referral site who will be attending the delivery