ABC – MOMENTS Worksheet

Perinatal Deterioration

Health Innovation West of England

- Competency and skills required to perform observations – maternal/neonatal/both (role dependent)
- Recognition of normal/abnormal parameters
- Understanding the need for appropriately sized equipment
- Updated information relating to observation charts – digital skills, where implemented within electronic patient record systems (BadgerNet etc.)
- Record keeping management – paper charts/ uploading to digital records
- Escalation pathways – in place
- Appropriate procedures to support Bank/ Agency staff to understand changes in pathways and processes
- Communication skills – consent, sharing of observations and what they mean, 'soft signs'

- Understanding of system biases within technology – i.e., racial bias for pulse oximeters
- Understanding of maintenance requirements and schedule and recognising when these need to be carried out – how to perform checks on local equipment
- Guidance/ Policies/ Standard Operating Procedures – understanding and interpreting documents and when escalation is required for different circumstances
- Recognising the impact of pain presenting through abnormal observations
  - Holistic assessment of needs/ situation/ circumstances



- Accessibility requirements/ troubleshooting as required i.e., not taking a temp in the ear of a hearing aid
- Professional curiosity/ experience/ '*sixth sense*' to appreciate the recorded observations whilst feeling confident to escalate if it feels '*off*'
- Exclusivity of handovers/ do not disturb during shift change which can delay escalation
- Recognising when fatigue is impacting clinical judgement and referring appropriately to another practitioner
- Local decision to respond to 'personalised' observations rather than the parameters within guidance, i.e., what is 'normal' for that person and therefore when does escalation need to happen
- Confirmation bias / situational bias
- *'White coat syndrome'* and how this may impact observations

- SBAR - Escalation pathway
- MDT Team available - Personalised care plan
- Enough staff to accommodate regular observations
- Access to an ambulance/theatre
- Phone – mobile with signal and emergency call system
- Call bell - Pen - Clock/watch
- Log-in to digital system/ appropriate recording device (handheld/ iPad/ laptop) - Agency/Bank log-ins
- Digital monitors – Sphygmomanometer (BP cuff) in regular and large sizes, pulse oximeter, thermometer with associated single use covers/ Clinell wipes
- Bin - PPE - Private examination space
- Access to a sluice/dirty utility
- Translation app/system
- In-date PAT testing of electronic equipment/ or within the maintenance schedule