

## **Preterm Labor Assessment Survey**

It is imperative that a pre- and post-toolkit implementation analysis be conducted to understand the impact of the Preterm Labor Assessment Toolkit on changing hospital preterm labor assessment protocols and practices.

We encourage you to utilize the attached survey to conduct your own pre- and post-test analysis to evaluate changes in how women presenting with signs and symptoms of preterm labor are assessed after the rollout of the toolkit in your facility or state. Please consider working with your March of Dimes chapter for assistance in survey assessment and toolkit implementation. Visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) to find your local chapter.

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Does this hospital have a Preterm Labor (PTL) Protocol?  
 Yes (proceed to #2)  
 No (proceed to #4)
  
2. Does the protocol include a definition of preterm labor?  
 Yes (proceed to #3)  
 No (proceed to #4)
  
3. Does the definition include: (check all that apply)  
 Number of contractions/hour  
 Cervical dilation  
 Cervical effacement  
 All of the above
  
4. On average, how long do practitioners observe a patient presenting to this hospital with signs and symptoms of preterm labor before disposition (admission, discharge or transport)?  
 0-2 hours  
 2-4 hours  
 4-8 hours  
 Longer than 8 hours
  
5. Is it currently the practice at this hospital to use fFN (fetal fibronectin) to assist in the preterm labor patient disposition decision?  
 Yes (proceed to #6)  
 No (proceed to #8)
  
6. If yes, which of the following best describes the use at this hospital:  
a.  All practitioners use fFn  
b.  Most practitioners use fFn  
c.  Some practitioners use fFn
  
7. Which one of the following is the type of fFN testing used at this hospital?  
 Rapid fFN test (results received within 4 hours) (proceed to #10)  
 Standard fFn test (sent to reference lab, results within 24 – 48 hrs) (proceed to #8)
  
8. If rapid fFN testing was made available at this hospital, would practitioners use it to assist in the assessment/disposition of symptomatic PTL patients?  
 Yes (proceed to #10)  
 No (proceed to #9)
  
9. Why would practitioners not use rapid fFN in the assessment/disposition of symptomatic PTL patients? (check all that apply)  
 No buy-in from the practitioners  
 Expensive technology  
 Collection issues  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Is there consistency amongst the practitioners at this hospital in the assessment and disposition (admit, discharge, transport) of women presenting with signs and symptoms of preterm labor?  
 Yes       No
11. How do practitioners decide to send a patient home after she comes to this hospital with signs and symptoms of preterm labor? (check all that apply)  
 No cervical change  
 Contractions stop  
 Negative fFN result  
 Cervical length >2.5 cm. per transvaginal ultrasound  
 Practices vary greatly by practitioner
12. What makes practitioners admit a patient who comes to this hospital with signs and symptoms of preterm labor? (check all that apply)  
 Cervical change  
 Contractions  
 Positive fFN result  
 Cervical length per transvaginal ultrasound  
 Practices vary greatly by practitioner
13. Are the RNs on your L&D unit currently performing sterile speculum exams?  
 Yes       No
14. What is the average length of stay at this hospital for a preterm labor patient who is admitted as an inpatient and later discharged home **undelivered**?  
 Less than 4 days  
 4-6 days  
 Longer than 6 days
15. Do practitioners at this hospital ever transfer your preterm labor patients to a higher level of care?  
 Yes (proceed to #16)  
 No (survey is completed)
16. At what gestational age would the PTL patient be transferred?  
 Less than 32 weeks gestation  
 Less than 34 weeks gestation  
 Less than 36 weeks gestation
17. What is the average number of PTL patient transports/year for your hospital?  
 Less than 5  
 5-10  
 More than 10
18. What issues or needs around preterm labor assessment could this toolkit address at your hospital?  


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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It will be of great help to us in determining training needs when we distribute the March of Dimes Preterm Labor Assessment Toolkit. Please consider working with your March of Dimes chapter for assistance in survey assessment and toolkit implementation. Visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) to find your local chapter.