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**Target Audience:** All aspects for perioperative nurses (pre-op, intra-op and post-op) or nurses required to recover patients as part of their duties

**Program Description:** This workshop is designed to help nurses and health care providers recognize risk factors, assessment findings and required interventions to low volume/high risk perioperative situations focused on obstetrical emergencies.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES** – Participants will learn to:

1. Differentiate between emergency and unplanned C-Sections with considerations to appropriate treatment/interventions
2. Review perioperative obstetrical emergencies: HELLP syndrome, obstetrical hemorrhages, shoulder dystocia, prolapsed cord, uterine rupture, emergency cesarean delivery and DIC
3. Recognize the anatomy and physiology characteristics/considerations to each identified emergency discussed
4. Prioritize surgical nursing interventions to above emergencies
5. Understands the drug actions of common obstetrical medications that may be on board at the time of an emergent c-section: magnesium sulfate, pitocin, methergine, hemabate, cytotec, and narcotics
6. Engage in critical thinking/incorporating the knowledge learned through case studies/simulation
7. Discuss anesthesia delivered via general/spinal routes with impact to both patient and infant
8. Review Phase I recovery of the cesarean section patient with consideration of unique patient population factors

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