Algorithm for Postpartum Hemorrhage

Heavier Than Normal Postpartum Bleeding

- Vital signs
- Pulse ox
- Fundal tone/location
- EBL (weigh petals/OMX)

Assess Condition

- Slight, steady trickle
- Bloody urine
- Large clots or multiple clots

Initiate First Step Interventions

- Massage uterus
- Empty bladder
- Position with legs elevated (no Trendelenburg)
- Administer oxygen
- Keep patient informed
- Notify Primary Care Provider
- Initiate IV and fluid resuscitation with crystalloid solution
- Administer uterotonic (oxytocin, prop)
- Order labs (DIC, T & C 2 units)

Determine etiology based on assessment/inspection and history

- Atonic Uterus
- Retained placental products
- OB Trauma
- Coagulopathy
- Other uterine injuries, notes: abnormal placenta

Atonic Uterus

- Yes
- No
- Carboprost

Retained placental products

- Yes
- No
- Examination under anesthesia, manual removal or D&C

OB Trauma

- Yes
- No
- Repair

Coagulopathy

- Yes
- No
- Medical treatment/ blood component therapy

Surgical treatment

- Yes
- No
- Surgical intervention as appropriate

Continued Bleeding

- Yes
- No
- Continue close monitoring of condition