Appendix 4  Algorithm for Substance Abuse Screening in Pregnancy

**Initial Visit for Prenatal Care**

Screen All with 5Ps Questions.
If **Antenatal Risk Factors** Present, Order Urine Drug Screen and Perform Ongoing Assessment with Periodic Repeat Screening.

- **Negative Screen**
  - Routine Prenatal Care
  - Monitor All for **Antenatal Risk Factors** Associated With Substance Use. If Present, Repeat 5Ps and Consider Urine Drug Screening.
- **Substance Abuse or Dependence Identified**
  - Comprehensive Assessment and Treatment. Monitor for Relapse. Fetal Monitoring as Indicated. Urine Drug Screen at Regular Intervals and on Any Admission

**Admission for Delivery**

Screen All with 5Ps Questions
If **Antenatal Risk Factors** Present, Order Urine Drug Screen

- **Negative Screen, No Complications**
  - Routine Care and Discharge
  - Monitor All for **Antenatal Risk Factors** Associated With Substance Use. If Present, Repeat 5Ps and Consider Urine Drug Screening.
- **Substance Abuse or Dependence Identified**
  - Comprehensive Assessment and Treatment, NAS Scoring

Declines Screening, or Negative Screening, but Presence of **Neonatal Complications** Associated with Substance Use (Positive NAS Scoring, Anomalies Suggestive of Drug or Alcohol Exposure, Vascular Accidents, MI, NEC at Term): Perform Maternal and Neonatal Biochemical Screening and Start/Continue NAS Scoring.

**Antenatal Risk Factors**: No or Inadequate Prenatal Care, Exhibited Signs and Symptoms of Drug and/or Alcohol Use or Withdrawal, Drug Seeking Behavior, Repeated Use of Prescription Narcotics, Personal History of Domestic Violence, Incarceration, or Previous DCF/DCYF Referral, Hepatitis B/C, HIV-Positive Status, or Active STD’s, Unexplained Preterm Labor, Placenta Abruption, IUGR, Hypertension.

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