Per the Laborist memo dated 4/23/2014, the clinical team is working to improve patient flow and service within the Labor & Delivery and Mother Baby Units. In support of this effort, we are striving to improve the time management of patients that are referred to Labor and Delivery in the Observation (OPO) status. The average length of stay for these patients is between 3.5-4.5 hours. Our goal is to decrease this to 2-3 hours. Radiology has agreed to perform and read any necessary ultrasounds within 60 minutes of request to support this initiative. Nursing will be supporting this initiative by timely assessment, labs and order management.

**Goal #1:** Active evaluation and management of all OPO patients that are admitted during the Laborist shift to meet the specified time goal. Practice according to, and endorse ACOG patient care guidelines. This metric will be measured via documentation and reported by physician provider. All Laborists are expected to be present on the unit or immediately available to the charge nurse per request.

St. Joseph Hospital has updated their (EHR) Meditech system, in alignment with the health system standardization goals effective 6/1/2014.

**Goal #2:** All Laborist physicians will attend Meditech training prior to 5/31/2014 to support a successful upgrade and system transition. All Laborists will document all patient encounters in Meditech and actively support the hospital CPOE goal at 85% compliance.

**Goal #3:** All Laborist physicians will perform daily rounds and attend antepartum rounds conducted Q Thursday at 12:30 to promote educational opportunities for improved patient management. All Laborists are expected to attend 75% of OB Core Department and Laborist scheduled meetings. Educational sessions (offered on Tuesdays) are highly encouraged to support evidence based practice initiatives.

**Participation Requirements:** All Laborists must maintain, and provide documentation of same, competency certification in NRP, ACLS-OB and Advanced Fetal Monitoring. Laborists shall attend quarterly FM strip reviews.