

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Washington State Maternal and Neonatal Levels of Care Guidelines



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On June 24, 2024, the Washington State Department of Health Levels of Care committee unanimously voted to align the state guidelines with national guidelines. The committee adopted the levels of neonatal care outlined in the American Academy of Pediatrics and the levels of maternal care specified by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The documents below should serve as a guide for hospitals applying for Level II, Level III, or Level IV designations. Detailed criteria for each guideline can be found in these.

Documents

1. Stark AR, Pursley DM, Papile LA, Eichenwald EC, Hankins CT, Buck RK, Wallace TJ, Bondurant PG, FASTER NE. Standards for Levels of Neonatal Care: II, III, and IV. Pediatrics. 2023 Jun 1;151(6): Online at: [Standards for Levels of Neonatal Care: II, III, and IV | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
2. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologist (2019). Obstetric Care Consensus: Levels of Maternal Care (LoMC) (9). Online at: [Levels of Maternal Care | ACOG](#)

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