

Examples of Patient-Friendly Language for Use on Shared Planning Board

TEAM

Write down the names of the birthing person and their support people, labor and delivery clinicians, and postpartum clinicians. In addition to names, consider noting roles, phone numbers, and/or shift times for clinicians.

Team Section Examples		
Birthing person and their support people	☐ Mom☐ Patient☐ Birthing person☐ Partner	☐ Family member☐ Friend☐ Doula☐ Interpreter
Labor clinicians	□ Labor Nurse□ Attending physician/OB□ Midwife□ Resident	☐ Med student☐ Student Nurse☐ Anesthesiologist/CRNA☐ Charge Nurse
Postpartum clinicians	 □ Postpartum Nurse, Mom-Baby RN □ NICU nurse □ Attending physician/OB □ Pediatrician □ Neonatologist 	☐ Resident ☐ Lactation consultant ☐ Nurse Tech/CNA ☐ Social worker ☐ Nurse Leader



PREFERENCES: Labor

Consider starting with general questions like "What does a good birth look like to you?" and "What are your fears about labor?" to open a discussion about what matters most to them.

Preferences: Examples for Labor			
Support Who would you like supporting you?	☐ Work with doula☐ My partner to stay with me☐ FaceTime with grandma	☐ No students☐ Only female providers☐ Interpreter	
Environment How can we make the room most comfortable for you?	☐ Dimmed lights ☐ Quiet voices ☐ Few interruptions ☐ No visitors		
Positions What positions or movement would you like to try? What's been working for you so far?	 □ Stand and walk □ Birthing ball □ Peanut ball □ Birthing stool □ Labor in hot shower/tub 	 ☐ Change positions ☐ Stretching ☐ Floor mat ☐ Freedom of movement ☐ Give me ideas and suggestions 	
Pain Control What pain management options have you heard about? What medications would you like to discuss? What are your plans for pain management?	 No epidural □ Epidural (only offered when asked for) □ IV pain relief / opioid free □ Nitrous □ Breathing exercises □ Massage by support person 	 □ Counter pressure on lower back □ Go natural like last time □ Worried it's different than last time □ Wait as long as possible for epidural □ Worried about missing epidural 	
Interventions What interventions do you want/ want to avoid?	☐ Minimal interventions☐ Wait for water to break☐ Break water if needed	No IV fluids, IV access onlyWireless monitoringIntermittent monitoringMinimal cervical exams	
Concerns What concerns do you have?	☐ Hoping no c-section ☐ Get home to other kids ASAP ☐ Haven't eaten/slept in hours	☐ Exams very uncomfortable☐ 1st baby went to NICU	
Other	☐ Ice packs ☐ Heating pads ☐ Pillows ☐ Dietary preferences ☐ Warm blankets	☐ Cluster care☐ Help to the bathroom☐ Sleep after epidural☐ Nap between position changes	





PREFERENCES: Delivery/Birth

Preferences: Examples for	Pushing, Birth, Cesarean Birth,	Post-Birth, and Bereavement
Pushing	 Delay pushing until feels pressure Coached pushing No counting during pushing No visitors when pushing Visitors OK 	☐ Change positions while pushing ☐ Worried about tearing/no cut ☐ Vacuum ok/No Vacuum ☐ Mirror for pushing ☐ Quiet voices ☐ Low lights
Birth	 ☐ Skin to skin ☐ Delayed cord clamping (standard) ☐ Cord blood banking ☐ Cord cut by family member 	 Photos of cord cutting Move mirror as soon as baby is out Baby shots while being held Quiet voices Low lights
Cesarean birth	 □ Lower drape right after birth □ Music during procedure □ Partner to cut cord on warmer □ Skin to skin as soon at possible 	 □ Limit conversation that does not pertain to my procedure □ No extra drugs to relax after delivery □ See my placenta □ Quiet voices
After the baby is born	Partner to go with baby to nurseryWorried about how to breastfeed	☐ Go home as soon as possible☐ Take placenta home☐ Hair Wash only
Bereavement	 □ Dim lighting □ Music □ Skin to skin □ Quiet voices □ Take baby to nursery immediately after delivery □ Baby to stay with parents after delivery (in cuddle cot) □ No visitors/Visitors welcomed □ Parents to cut cord 	 □ Family to assist with bath/cleaning of baby □ Obtain keepsake items (Footprints, molds, lock of hair, pictures) □ Chaplain to come for baptism/blessing □ Early discharge to home after delivery □ Photos in room/Do photos in nursery





PREFERENCES: Postpartum or LDRP

Consider starting with general questions like "How would you like to care for your baby after they are born?," "Is there anything you would like to avoid?", and "How can we continue to support your comfort after giving birth?" to open a discussion about what matters most to them.

P	references: Examples for Postpartu	ım or LDRP
Mom	 □ Breastmilk feeding/formula/both □ Pumping breast □ Ice packs □ Abdominal binder □ Sitz bath □ No visitors □ Visitors OK □ Quiet, low lights □ Shower □ Help to bathroom 	 □ Bring in food from home □ Keep placenta □ Daily bed linen change □ Medications □ Lactation support □ Pain relief (Ibuprofen/Tylenol) □ Unmedicated/medicated pain management □ Stool softeners □ Visit baby in NICU □ Dietary preferences
Baby	 □ Delayed bath until 12 hours □ No bath □ Wash hair only □ Circumcision/no circ/circ in room □ Skin to skin 	 □ Parents assist with bath □ Use your own swaddle/clothes □ Assistance from lactation □ Vaccinations/No vaccinations □ Car seat check tomorrow





PLAN: Mom, Baby, and Labor Progress

What types of care plans are you developing?

Examples for Plan Section			
Plan for Mom	During labor: Ice chips Breathing methods Take a walk! Labor support methods Change positions Epidural/no epidural Nitrous gas IV pain medication Check BP often/Blood pressure checks every	 Naps between turning Alternate rest and movement Push on CUB/birthing stool Rub belly every 15 min Shower/tub Check blood sugar every hour Press button when you're ready 	During postpartum: Call when feeding baby/Cluster care Tubal tomorrow Pump after breastfeed Pump every hours Out of bed at Shower/remove abdominal bandages Blood pressure checks every Keep pads (for weighing)
Plan for Baby	During labor: Watch on and off Watch all the time Listen with doppler every Positions to turn baby Positions to bring baby down Put more fluid in for baby	During postpartum: Feed every hrs Look for feeding cues Weight, footprints, measurements at: 24hr care at: NICU eval @ Call before feeding baby (check blood sugar)	 Use tube to add milk with next feed Make pediatric appointment Bring car seat to room Circumcision/no circumcision Hearing screen
Plan for Labor Progress (L&D only)	☐ Watch and wait ☐ Turn, turn, turn ☐ Vaginal exams to check ☐ Movement ☐ Use birthing ball/peanu	dilation Medicine Keep goin	/catheter to dilate cervix for labor (Pitocin) ng!





NEXT HUDDLE

What types of expectations can you set for when the team may come back together?

Examples for Next Huddle Section		
General As needed On request When a new plan is needed When you're ready	Time Around 5pm Tomorrow morning (by 11 AM) During daily rounding (give time range) Dr will check in after (office hours, OR)	
Time interval ☐ In min/hours ☐ Between and o'clock ☐ Nurse update every hours ☐ At next shift change	Condition When your pain gets worse When you're ready to push When interpreter available If you have any concerns If you feel cramps, bleeding, pressure If there is a change in your/your baby's condition If orders change Before discharge	

