

## MSQC Hysterectomy Care Pathway

<b>PreOp</b>	<b>Patient Education/Prehabilitation</b> -Surgery goal/expectation setting -Opioid use assessment and pain management -Nutrition assessment and counseling -Functional status and exercise guidance -Incentive spirometer education -Mental health assessment -Menopause if ovaries are removed  PRN Preadmission: -Tobacco cessation if smoking within 1 month before surgery -Weight loss counseling if BMI $\geq$ 40	<b>Preoperative Planning</b> -Evaluate for use of alternative treatments -Utilize surgical approach algorithm [see next sheet] and MIS approach when expertise available and appropriate -Anticipate discharge needs/care coordination -PCN allergy: Conduct thorough review of reported reaction to evaluate if alternative regimen necessary. Consider allergy testing to confirm. -Alternative treatments offered/ tried/ declined, or contraindications documented for these diagnoses: Adenomyosis, chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis, Abnormal uterine bleeding, uterine fibroids, Prolapse		<b>Labs</b> -CBC -Type and Screen -HbA1C or glucose if indicated  <b>Consider:</b> -BMP -BV screening	<b>Glycemic Control</b> - <b>HgbA1c</b> screening for diabetic patient or patient with history of diabetes (including gestational diabetes) - <b>Blood glucose</b> screening for all non-diabetic high risk patients: age $\geq$ 45 and/or BMI $\geq$ 30  <b>Preop Referral If:</b> - <b>HbA1c 6.5%-8%:</b> Consult PCP or endocrinology for glycemic control - <b>HbA1c <math>\geq</math> 8% or glucose &gt; 250 mg/dL:</b> Consult PCP or endocrinology for glycemic control AND consider postponing surgery date	
	<b>Immediate PreOp</b>	<b>Shower</b> -Shower with soap or antiseptic agent on at least the night before surgery	<b>Carbohydrate Loading</b> -Carb loading in all patients except type 1 diabetics	<b>Reduced Fasting</b> -Clear liquids up until 2 hours prior to surgery	<b>Glycemic Control</b> -if age $\geq$ 45 and/or BMI $\geq$ 30 and blood glucose was not obtained within 90 days of surgery, obtain blood glucose in preop holding -if preop blood glucose > 200 treatment is advised	<b>Oral Antibiotics with Mechanical Bowel Prep (Surgeon discretion; cases with planned bowel resection)</b> -Oral antibiotics with mechanical bowel prep Example: Nulytely 420g solution; Neomycin 500mg tab; Metronidazole 500mg tab -Zofran prn for nausea
<b>Appropriate IV Prophylactic Antibiotics</b> -MSQC Recommendation: Cefazolin 2g IV for patients <120kg Cefazolin 3g IV for patients $\geq$ 120kg <b>AND</b> Metronidazole 500mg IV -Administer 15 to 60 minutes before incision -See ASHP guidelines in resources for other acceptable antibiotic regimens and beta-lactam alternatives		<b>Multimodal Analgesia</b> -Administer $\geq$ 2 non-opioid analgesia strategies Examples: -Open: Epidural vs. TAP block vs. local infiltration -Lap: TAP block vs. local infiltration -Robotic: RUQ TAP block vs. local infiltration Vaginal: No epidural or TAP block vs. local infiltration -Acetaminophen, Gabapentin, Celecoxib -Review pain management plan before anesthesia induction		<b>Prevention of PONV</b> -Administer more than <b>two</b> antiemetic agents. Examples: -Scopolamine patch applied at least 2 hours before induction -Dexamethasone 4-8mg IV after induction -Ondansetron 4mg IV at the end of case		
<b>IntraOp</b>	<b>Alcohol-based Skin Preparation</b> -Abdominal: CHG Alcohol-based prep unless contraindicated (ex. Chloraprep) -Vaginal: Povidone-iodine vs. 4% CHG with 4% isopropyl alcohol (ex. Hibiclens)	<b>Glycemic Control</b> -DM: Check glucose every 1-2 hours -NDM: Consider at discretion of preop glucose/HbA1c -Goal <200 mg/dL -Treat with subcutaneous rapid acting insulin or IV insulin infusion	<b>Normothermia</b> -Maintain body temperature of 96.8°F (36°C)	<b>Avoidance of Hemostatic Agents</b> -Hemostatic agents should be used more judiciously owing to associations with increased post-operative readmissions and reoperations -See resources for details	<b>Lung Protective Ventilation</b> -For patients with normal pulmonary function undergoing general anesthesia with endotracheal intubation, administer increased Fio2 during surgery and after extubation in the immediate postoperative period. -To optimize tissue oxygen delivery, maintain perioperative normothermia and adequate volume replacement	<b>Euvolemia</b> -Avoid excess fluid administration. Discuss minimal fluid strategy with anesthesia.
	<b>Wound Protector and Clean Closure</b> -Consider glove change and use of separate instrumentation for fascial closure	<b>Removal of Catheters/Tubes</b> -Remove catheters and tubes at end of case  <b>Avoidance of Postop Drains/Tubes</b> -Routine placement of NG tubes and intra-abdominal drains is discouraged unless clinically indicated	<b>VTE Prophylaxis</b> Within 2 hours before surgery Examples: -Heparin 5000 units subcutaneous -Lovenox -Place SCD's	<b>Redosing of Antibiotics</b> -Cefazolin: 4 hour interval -Metronidazole: If operative time >8 hours consider redosing -Also redose if EBL >1500mL	<b>Multimodal Analgesia</b> -Administer $\geq$ 2 non-opioid analgesia strategies Examples: -IV Lidocaine -Local wound infiltration with long-acting anesthetic at surgical site -TAP block if not done preop -Spinal analgesia with local anesthetic -Ketamine -Ketorolac	

PostOp	<b>Multimodal Analgesia</b> -Follow Michigan OPEN opioid prescribing recommendations: Oxycodone 5mg no more than 15 tablets <a href="https://opioidprescribing.info/">https://opioidprescribing.info/</a> -Use opioids for breakthrough pain only -Schedule non-opioid analgesics instead of PRN for first 72 hours: Alternating acetaminophen 650mg with ibuprofen 600mg every 3 hours with 6 hours between dosing of acetaminophen and ibuprofen Other examples: -Gabapentin (use with caution with age > 60) -Ketorolac	<b>Early Ambulation</b> -POD 0: OOB >2 hours including ambulation and in chair -POD 1 until discharge: OOB >8 hours including ambulation and in chair	<b>Early Alimentation</b> -Clear liquids immediately after surgery -If tolerating, advance to regular diet ASAP within 24 hours of surgery -Up in chair for all meals	<b>Glycemic Control</b> -Goal: < 200 mg/dL <b>NDM patients with elevated glucose before or during surgery:</b> -Check glucose for 24-48 hours until at or below target goal -If elevated, IV insulin while NPO and basal-bolus insulin regimen once resuming oral nutrition. Consult endocrinology or medicine for diabetic management. <b>DM patients:</b> -Standard glucose monitoring -IV insulin while NPO and basal-bolus insulin regimen once oral nutrition resumed. Consult endocrinology or medicine for diabetic management.		
	<b>Incentive Spirometer</b> -Use 10x/hour while awake	<b>Early Foley Removal (if not in OR)</b> -Remove within 6 hours after arrival to floor unless otherwise specified/at discretion of surgeon -Ensure voiding protocol in place	<b>Labs</b> -CBC -POD 1 only unless indicated	<b>Minimize IV Fluids</b> -Minimize (ex. 40 mL) and discontinue fluids early as possible	<b>Discontinue Prophylactic IV Antibiotics</b> -Prophylaxis is typically not warranted past surgery end time. -If continued, duration should be no more than 24 hours past surgery end time unless otherwise indicated.	
	<b>VTE Prophylaxis</b> -Heparin 5000 units subcutaneous TID -SCDs while in bed -For cancer patients: Lovenox for 28 days for open surgery or 7 days for MIS staging surgery	<b>Patient Education</b> -Discharge planning -Encourage clinic contact before presenting to ED -Wound Care -Pain control with multimodal pain management -Straight catheterization if needed	<b>Normothermia in PACU</b> -Maintain temperature >96.8°F (36°C) in PACU -Utilize forced air warmer PRN	<b>Bowel Regimen</b> -Start scheduled on POD 0 Examples: -Miralax, Simethicone, Colace, Senna -Chewing gum 3-4 times per day		

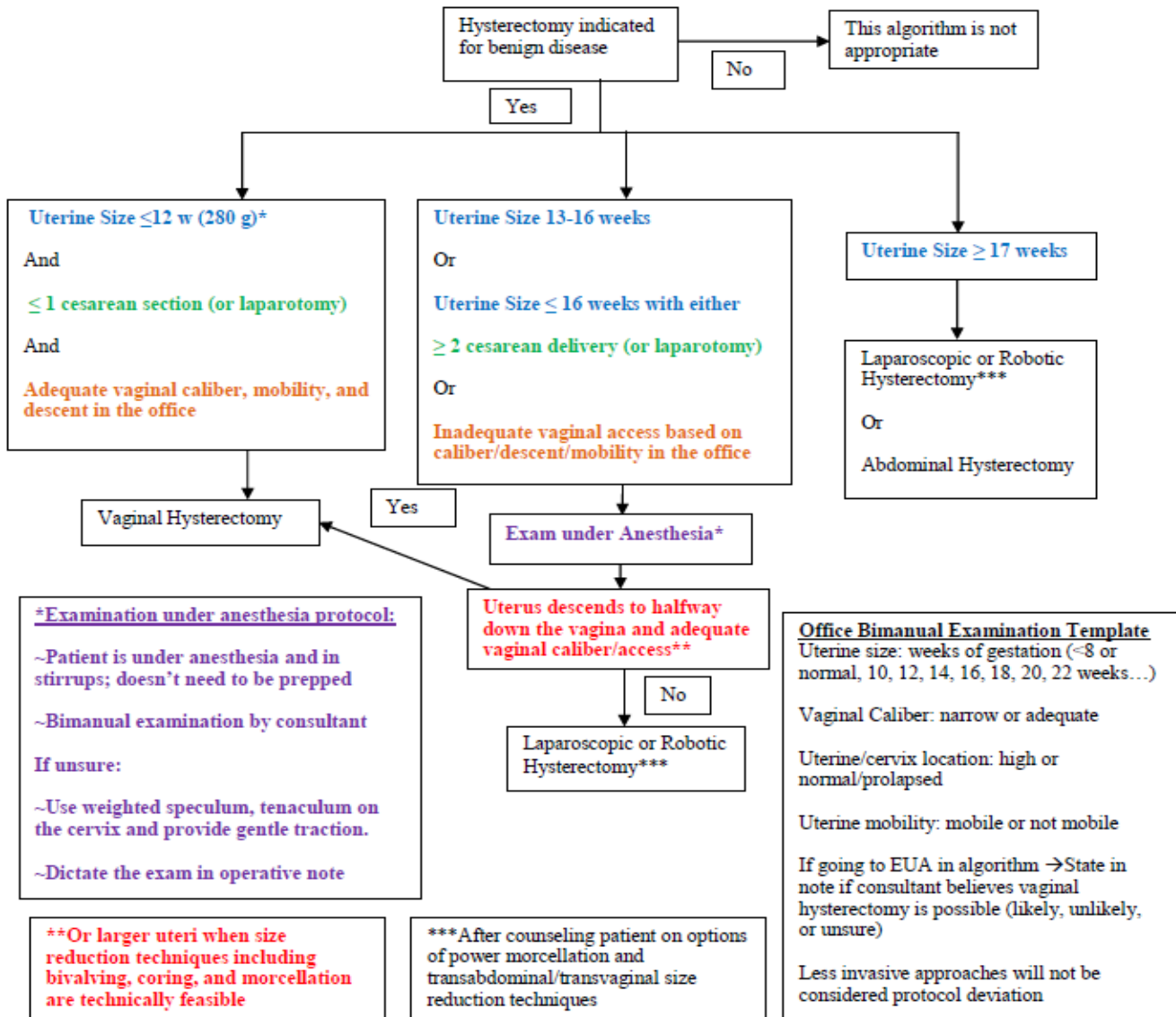
Post Discharge	<b>Follow Up Calls</b> -Contact patient within 72 hours of discharge for phone assessment -Follow up call at 7 days	<b>Clinic Visit</b> -Within 4-6 weeks or as clinically indicated -Utilize telemedicine for follow up visit if appropriate
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**Resources**

- ACOG Practice Bulletin No. 195: Prevention of Infection After Gynecologic Surgery. (2018). doi:10.1097/AOG.0000000000002670
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- Association Between Preoperative Hemoglobin A1c Levels, Postoperative Hyperglycemia, and Readmissions Following Gastrointestinal Surgery (2017). <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2645761>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (2017). <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2623725>
- Determining Optimal Route of Hysterectomy for Benign Indications. (2017). <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27926638>
- Guidelines for perioperative care in gynecologic/oncology: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Society recommendations—2019 update. <http://erassociety.org/guidelines-for-perioperative-care-in-gynecologic-oncology-2019-update/>
- Michigan Opioid Prescribing and Engagement Network (2019). <https://opioidprescribing.info/>
- Perioperative temperature management. (2018). <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/perioperative-temperature-managemenxt>
- Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting. (2018). [https://www.uptodate.com/contents/postoperative-nausea-and-vomiting?search=ponv20screening&source=search\\_result&selectedTitle=1~115&usage\\_type=default&display\\_rank=1#H440882333](https://www.uptodate.com/contents/postoperative-nausea-and-vomiting?search=ponv20screening&source=search_result&selectedTitle=1~115&usage_type=default&display_rank=1#H440882333)
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- A retrospective cohort study of hemostatic agent use during hysterectomy and risk of post-operative complications. (2017). <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28099744>
- Perioperative Hyperglycemia Management: An Update. (2017). doi:10.1097/ALN.0000000000001515
- Pre-operative evaluation of adults undergoing elective noncardiac surgery. (2018). doi:10.1097/EJA.0000000000000817
- Diabetes Mellitus: Screening and Diagnosis. (2016). <https://www.aafp.org/afp/2016/0115/p103.html>
- Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2019 Abridged for Primary Care Providers. (2019). doi.org/10.2337/cd18-0105
- Preoperative A1C and Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Diabetes Undergoing Major Noncardiac Surgical Procedures. (2014). doi:10.2337/dc13-1929



# Hysterectomy Algorithm



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