

Referring and Transporting a Woman in the NASG



Referring a Patient

- If a patient's condition is severe enough that she shows signs of shock, she should be transferred for:
 - Further evaluation
 - Definitive care
 - Blood transfusions
- Any patient who is placed in the NASG should continue wearing the NASG during transport to the referral hospital

Never Remove the NASG at the Clinic



- Once the NASG is on, never open the segments at the clinic
- A qualified clinician at the hospital level is the only person who should remove the NASG
- Removing the NASG before a woman is stable is dangerous and could result in her death because the NASG is helping to decrease blood loss and keep her vital signs stable

STEP 1

Apply the NASG as described in the Application Unit



STEP 2

- Follow local protocols for managing women with Obstetric Haemorrhage and Shock
- Protocols and what you are allowed to do will vary
- If possible:
 - Give uterotonics for atony
 - Start IV fluids

STEP 3

- Prepare a “Referral Form”
- Some places will have a standard form to send with women being referred
- If there is no standard form, some information to include:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Time of delivery
 - Cause of bleeding
 - When bleeding began
 - Estimated blood loss
 - Date and Time NASG applied

STEP 4

Whenever possible, telephone the facility you are referring to so they will be prepared for the woman's arrival, know her condition and that she is wearing an NASG



STEP 5

At least two people should lift the woman in the NASG onto a stretcher. Be sure one person supports her head and neck and another person lifts her hips and legs



STEP 6

The stretcher should be transferred by at least two people to a vehicle for transport



Ambulance Transport is Best for the Woman

- If there is no ambulance available, other locally available transport options should be used
- The woman can be in many positions for transfer



Other Transport Options



If Sending Woman to a Non-NASG Using Referral Facility



- It is safer to send her to a facility that knows how to use the NASG
- If for very important reasons you cannot send her to an NASG-using facility
 - Try to accompany her so you can explain the importance of keeping the NASG on until the woman is stable
 - Send a copy of the “NASG REMOVAL” job aid with the woman