WHEN SHOULD I REFER A PATIENT?
Most new patients are referred to the Advanced Fetal Care Center (AFCC) when routine tests have indicated a problem with their unborn fetus. Our experience in fetal care has shown that the earlier an anomaly can be correctly diagnosed, the greater a baby’s chances of experiencing optimal development and health. That’s why we recommend referring patients to us for detailed imaging and other tests as soon as you suspect a problem.

HOW WILL YOU COORDINATE CARE?
Some findings require immediate interventions after birth and for those families, we will recommend delivery in the Longwood Medical Area at either Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center or Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Other findings will not be emergent in the neonatal period. Those families will be referred back to you for pregnancy management and delivery and may not return to Boston Children’s until several months after delivery. The AFCC staff will facilitate any follow-up appointments and further coordination that needs to occur. We work with you to ensure seamless care for patients in a time-sensitive manner.

HOW DO I REFER A PATIENT?
To refer a patient, please fax over pertinent medical records, demographics, and insurance information to the Advanced Fetal Care Center at 617-730-0124 or email to AFCCReferrals@childrens.harvard.edu. A new patient referral form should be completed each time you refer a patient and used as the cover sheet for this fax. Incomplete information may cause a delay in contact the patient and getting her scheduled for appointments in our center. Please call us at 617-355-6512 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I INCLUDE?
Necessary information:
- patient name
- demographics
- contact information
- insurance plan and member ID
- referring diagnosis
- estimated due date
- referring provider and practice location
- imaging requested by referring provider

Ideal information:
- all ultrasound reports
- obstetrician records or name of obstetrician
- maternal test results or screenings
- primary care provider name

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