

# From the Office of Clinical Informatics FetaLink

## Fetal Monitor Guide

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FetaLink is utilized in the ambulatory and inpatient settings at NL AR Gould, NL EMMC, NL Inland, and NL Mercy. FetaLink is a maternal and fetal monitoring system that facilitates the flow of data from medical devices in a manner that supports display needs of clinicians in acute and ambulatory settings.

#### **FetaLink Hardware Guide for Staff**

The Fetal Monitor Connectivity Engine (FCME) is the hardware required for FetaLink to operate.

> The FMCE sends patient data to the FetaLink application and EMR. It is mounted on the cart with your Fetal Monitoring device. It's recommended to plug the fetal monitoring carts in at all times, and in order to send data to the central monitor and patient chart it needs to be connected to the network by ethernet cable.



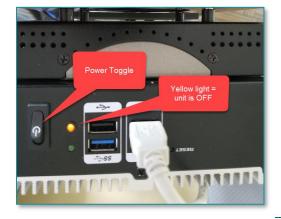
#### NOTE: The FCME must be powered ON to capture data from the fetal monitor!

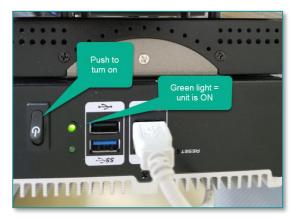
**STEP 1**: Verify the FCME is plugged into the network and has power.

**STEP 2:** Fetal monitor must be turned on to see the cart in FetaLink.

<u>STEP 3</u>: On one side of this device are USB slots where the cord that connects to your Fetal Monitor is plugged in. Any of the 4 slots are useable.

STEP 4: Note the black power toggle. The number 1 troubleshooting step if the device doesn't show up in FetaLink is to reboot this device. Push the button in all the way, and the light will turn yellow. Press it again to turn it back on. Green lights = ON.





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NOTE: Both this FCME <u>AND</u> your fetal monitor must be powered on for you to be able to associate your patient to the monitor in FetaLink.

If you move your cart to another location and don't see your cart in FetaLink after a moment, you may need to turn the power off and on for it to connect and allow for the monitor to be associated.

#### **Troubleshooting**

**NOTE:** 

- ➤ If your cart does not show up in FetaLink:
  - Click All Locations tab in Census to see if it's showing up on a different unit.
  - Make sure that power cords and the ethernet cables are plugged in.
    - Not all rooms have ethernet connection for FetaLink.
  - Make sure the fetal monitor is turned on.
  - Reboot the FCME using the black soft power toggle button light should be green, it will take up to 2 minutes after reboot to register in FetaLink.

Shut down Restart

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### **Shutting Down the Computer**

- When the computer is being located to another room, it is important to shut down the computer properly to avoid a Critical Error.
  Sleep
  - Click the Start icon in the left lower corner of the screen.
  - Rest your mouse pointer on the Power icon.
  - Select Shut down.
  - Wait for the computer to power off before unplugging the power cord and the ethernet network cable.