APPENDIX F: TECHNIQUES FOR ONGOING QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF BLOOD LOSS

Quantify blood loss by measuring
- Used graduated collection containers
- Account for other fluids (amniotic fluid, urine
- At C/S hold irrigation until after blood loss

Quantify blood loss by weighing
- Establish dry weights of common items
- Standardize use of pads
- Make scales available in rooms
- Build weighing of pads into routine practice
- Build electronic calculator into documentation

If weights unavailable, then use formal estimation
- Record percent (%) saturation of blood soaked items with the use of visual cues such as pictures/posters to determine blood volume equivalence of saturated/blood soaked pads

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