

Pre-cesarean Checklist for Labor Dystocia or Failed Induction

Patient Name: _____ MR#: _____

Gestational Age: _____ Date of C-section: _____;

Time: _____

Obstetrician: _____ ; Initial: _____

Bedside Nurse: _____ ; Initial: _____

Indication for Primary Cesarean Delivery:

Failed Induction (must have both criteria if cervix unfavorable, Bishop Score < 8 for nullips and <6 for multips)

Cervical Ripening used (when starting with unfavorable Bishop scores as noted above). Ripening agent used: _____
Reason ripening not used if cervix unfavorable: _____

AND

Unable to generate regular contractions (every 3 minutes) and cervical change after oxytocin administered for at least 12-18 hours after membrane rupture." *Note: at least 24 hours of oxytocin administration after membrane rupture is preferable if maternal and fetal statuses permit

Latent Phase Arrest <6 cm dilation (must fulfill one of the two criteria)

Moderate or strong contractions palpated for > 12 hours without cervical change

OR

IUPC > 200 MVU for > 12 hours without cervical change

*As long as cervical progress is being made, a slow but progressive latent phase e.g. greater than 20 hours in nulliparous women and greater than 14 hours in multiparous women is not an indication for cesarean delivery as long as fetal and maternal statuses remain reassuring. Please exercise caution when diagnosing latent phase arrest and allow for sufficient time to enter the active phase.

Active Phase Arrest \geq 6 cm Dilation (must fulfill one of the two criteria)

Membranes ruptured (if possible), then:

Adequate uterine contractions (e.g. moderate or strong to palpation, or \geq 200 MVU, for \geq 4 hours) without improvement in dilation, effacement, station or position

OR

Inadequate uterine contractions (e.g. < 200 MVU) for \geq 6 hours of oxytocin administration without improvement in dilation, effacement, station or position

Second Stage Arrest (must fulfill any one of four criteria)

Nullipara with epidural pushing for at least 4 hours

OR

Nullipara without epidural pushing for at least 3 hours

OR

Multipara with epidural pushing for at least 3 hours

OR

Multipara without epidural pushing for at least 2 hours

Although not fulfilling contemporary criteria for labor dystocia as described above, my clinical judgment deems this cesarean delivery indicated

Failed Induction: Duration in hours: _____
Latent-Phase Arrest: Duration in hours: _____
Active-Phase Arrest: Duration in hours: _____
Second-Stage Arrest: Duration in hours: _____

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