

# OBSTETRICAL EMERGENCIES / NEWBORN DELIVERIES

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PREDELIVERY	
BLS	ALS
Ensure patent airway	Monitor/ECG
<ul> <li>O<sub>2</sub> saturation PRN</li> </ul>	• IV <sup>®</sup>
<ul> <li>O2 and/or ventilate PRN</li> </ul>	Capnography
<ul> <li>If no time for transport and delivery is imminent</li> </ul>	
(crowning and pushing), proceed with delivery	Direct to labor/delivery area BHO if ≥20 weeks gestation
If no delivery, transport on left side	
Keep mother warm	Eclampsia (seizures)
'	<ul> <li>Midazolam IN/IM/IV/IO to a max dose of 5 mg (d/c if</li> </ul>
Third-trimester bleeding	seizure stops), MR x1 in 10 min. Max 10 mg total.
<ul> <li>Transport immediately to facility with obstetrical</li> </ul>	
services per BH direction	
Eclampsia (seizures)	
Protect airway	
Protect from injury	

**BLS and ALS** 

## Routine delivery

- If placenta delivered, massage fundus. Do not wait on scene.
- Wait 60 sec after delivery, then clamp and cut cord between clamps
- Document name of person cutting cord, time cut, and delivery location (address)
- Place identification bands on mother and newborn(s)
- Complete Out of Hospital Birth Report Form (S-166A) and provide to parent

### **Difficult deliveries**

- High-flow O2
- Keep mother warm

#### Nuchal cord (cord wrapped around neck)

- Slip cord over the head and off neck
- Clamp and cut cord, if wrapped too tightly

## Prolapsed cord

- Place mother with her hips elevated on pillows
- Insert a gloved hand into vagina and gently push presenting part off cord
- Transport immediately while retaining this position. Do not remove hand until relieved by hospital personnel.
- Cover exposed cord with saline-soaked gauze

#### Shoulder dystocia

• Hyperflex mother's knees to her chest

#### Breech birth (arm or single foot visible)

Rapid transport

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#### Frank breech or double footling and imminent delivery with long transport

- Allow newborn to deliver to the waist without active assistance (support only)
- When legs and buttocks are delivered, assist head out keeping body parallel to the ground. If head does not deliver within 1-2 min, insert gloved hand into the vagina to create airway for newborn.
- Transport immediately if head undelivered

#### Eclampsia (seizures)

- Protect airway, and protect from injury
- ALS: Midazolam IN/IM/IV/IO to a max dose of 5 mg (d/c if seizure stops), MR x1 in 10 min. Max 10 mg total.

MOTHER POST-DELIVERY	
BLS	ALS
Postpartum hemorrhage	Postpartum hemorrhage
Massage fundus vigorously	Monitor/ECG
Baby to breast	Capnography
High-flow O2	• 500 mL fluid bolus IV/IO, MR x2 q10 min to maintain
Keep mother warm	SBP ≥90 mmHg <sup>®</sup>
·	<ul> <li>If estimated blood loss ≥500 mL and within 3 hours of</li> </ul>
Eclampsia (seizures)	delivery, tranexamic acid 1 gm/ 10mL IV/IO, in 50-100
Protect airway	mL NS, over 10 min
Protect from injury	, and the second
	Eclampsia (seizures)
	<ul> <li>Midazolam IN/IM/IV/IO to a max dose of 5 mg (d/c if</li> </ul>
	seizure stops), MR x1 in 10 min. Max 10 mg total.
	NEONATAL BOOT BELLVERY

#### **NEONATAL POST-DELIVERY**

#### **BLS and ALS**

#### Warm, dry, and stimulate newborn

- Wrap newborn in warm, dry blanket. Keep head warm.
- Assess breathing, tone, and HR. Palpate HR via umbilical cord.
- If placing pulse oximeter, use newborn's right hand
- APGAR at 1 and 5 min (do not delay resuscitation to obtain score)
- Confirm identification bands placed on mother and newborn(s)
- Bring mother and newborn(s) to same hospital
- Complete Out of Hospital Birth Report Form (S-166A) and provide to parent

#### Full-term newborn with good tone and breathing

- Keep newborn warm
- Ensure patent airway
- If excessive secretions, suction mouth then nose with bulb syringe
- O2 saturation on newborn's right hand PRN
- Baby to breast
- Ongoing assessment q30 sec

### Newborn HR ≥100 with respiratory distress or central cyanosis

• Blow-by O<sub>2</sub>

#### Newborn HR <100, poor respiratory effort or persistent central cyanosis

- Ventilate with BVM on room air
- Monitor/ECG
- Recheck pulse q30 sec
- For persistently poor respiratory rate/effort, or cyanosis despite correct BVM technique, add high-

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flow O2 15 L/min to BVM

- Stop BVM when patient breathing well and HR ≥100
- ALS: IV/IO <sup>(A)</sup> (do not delay transport)
- ALS: NG tube PRN

#### Newborn HR <60

- Continue BVM with high-flow O2
- Chest compressions at rate of 120/min
- 3:1 compression to ventilation ratio
- Check pulse q1 min
- Stop compressions when HR ≥60
- ALS: Epinephrine 1:10,000 per drug chart IV/IO, MR q3-5 min
- ALS: Fluid bolus per drug chart IV/IO, MR x1 in 10 min <sup>(A)</sup>

### Premature and/or low birth weight newborn

- If amniotic sac intact, remove neonate from sac after delivery
- Place neonate in plastic bag up to axilla to minimize heat loss
- Transport immediately
- CPR need **not** be initiated if there are no signs of life **and** gestational age <24 weeks