

Obstructed labour



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Assess Airway, Breathing and Circulation and treat as required

TRANSFER TO HOSPITAL EARLY

Assess:
State of hydration
Presence of ketosis
Presence of fever/infected vaginal secretions/ileus
Bleeding or signs of ruptured uterus

Ruptured uterus?

No

Yes

Assess progress of labour:
Lie and position of fetus
Degree of cervical dilatation
Bladder distension

No

Cervix fully dilated,
baby cephalic and head
fully engaged?

Yes

Caesarean Section

Ventouse or forceps

Circulation:

- Wide bore IV cannula (16G-18G)
- **Blood** for Hb, Gp and Xmatch, culture and clotting
- IV 500ml 5% **dextrose** then 500ml 0.9% saline containing 5% dextrose as fast as possible
- **Catheterise** - look for urine output/haematuria
- IV **Ampicillin** 2g load then 1 g 6 hourly OR IV **Cefuroxime** 1.5g 8 hourly plus IV **Gentamicin** 5mg/kg once daily plus IV **Metronidazole** 500mg 8 hourly
- if ileus or abdominal distension NG tube
- **Magnesium Trisilicate** enterally

Laparotomy/Caesarean Section/Hysterectomy