

INTRAPARTUM CARE
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A 29 year old G1 at 41 weeks gestation presents with uterine contractions every 2 minutes. The fetal heart rate is 150 with variability and accelerations present. External tocometer confirms regular contractions. On exam, her cervix is 6 centimeters dilated, completely effaced, and the fetal head is at 0 station. Two hours later her cervix is unchanged.

Questions to Consider:

1. What are the possible etiologies of arrest of dilation?
2. How will you evaluate this patient?
3. How will you manage this case?
4. What if this patient had contractions only 5 minutes apart?
5. How could you more accurately monitor contraction strength?

APGO Educational Topic 11: Intrapartum Care

- a. List the signs and symptoms of labor.
- b. Describe the three stages of labor and recognize common abnormalities.
- c. Describe the steps of a vaginal delivery.
- d. Describe the evaluation of common puerperal complications.

APGO Educational Topic 22: Abnormal Labor

- a. List abnormal labor patterns
- b. Describe methods of fetal surveillance
- c. Discuss fetal and maternal complications of abnormal labor
- d. List indications and contraindications for oxytocin administration
- e. List indications for VBAC
- f. Discuss strategies for emergency management of breech, shoulder dystocia and cord prolapse.

APGO Educational Topic 26: Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance

- a. Perform fetal auscultation
- b. Interpret electronic fetal monitoring