

midwifery antenatal

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ANTENATAL INTRAVENOUS DRIP RATES

$RATE = \frac{VOLUME}{TIME} \times \frac{20}{60}$

VOLUME REMAINING IN DRIP CHAMBER (ml) DROP FACTOR (CO/ML) MINUTES REMAINING

BASED ON 1000mL CONTAINER

2HRLY	500mL/Hr	167 DPM
4HRLY	250mL/Hr	83 DPM
6HRLY	167mL/Hr	56 DPM
8HRLY	125mL/Hr	42 DPM
10HRLY	100mL/Hr	33 DPM
12HRLY	83mL/Hr	28 DPM
16HRLY	63mL/Hr	21 DPM
18HRLY	56mL/Hr	19 DPM
24HRLY	42mL/Hr	14 DPM

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ANTENATAL BLOOD VALUES

FULL BLOOD EXAMINATION (FBE)

Hb 98-137	< 110-one iron tablet D
< 110-iron studies	
Mg Therapeutic range	1.7-2.05
Platelets	150-400
WCC	5.9-9.9
MCV	27-92
MCV	81-99
Ferritin	9-336
Urea	3-8.8
Creatinine	20-90
Uric Acid	0.14-0.39

GLUCOSE TOLERANCE TEST

Glucose load:	75g
Plasma glucose:	Fasting: 3.8mmol/L
	2 hours: 5.1mmol/L
Gestational Diabetes:	Fasting: >= 5.5
and/or 2 hr post 75g glucose load:	>= 8.0

ROUTINE COAGULATION

APTT	27-39 sec
D-Dimer	< 0.5ug/ml
Fibrinogen	3.0-8.0g/L
INR Ratio	0.8-1.2

FETAL SCALP BLOOD VALUES

Normal	3.2-4.1	7.25-7.35	7.00
Pre-acidotic	4.8	7.00	
Acidotic	5.7	7.15	

LACTATE

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Acidotic	5.7	7.15	

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Material < 1	Neonatal < 8
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ANTENATAL FETAL HEART RATE

VARIABLE

Repetitive or intermittent decreasing of Fetal Heart Rate with rapid onset and recovery. Variable shape and relationship to contraction (cord compression).

Complicated - the following features increase the chance of fetal hypoxia:

- Rising baseline rate or fetal tachycardia.
- Reducing baseline variability.
- Slow return to baseline FHR after the end of the contraction.
- Large amplitude (by 60 bpm or to 60 bpm) and/or long duration (60 seconds).
- Loss of pre and post deceleration shouldering
- Presence of post deceleration smooth overshoots

PROLONGED

A decrease in FHR below the baseline of more than 15 bpm for longer than 90 seconds but less than 5 minutes.

LATE

Uniform, repetitive decrease of FHR, occurs after the onset of the uterine contraction, returns to baseline after contraction has finished (fetal hypoxia).

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ANTENATAL ECLAMPSIA SEIZURE MANAGEMENT

PREVENTION OF FURTHER SEIZURES

Give **MAGNESIUM** loading dose 4g (8 ml) over 10 min.
Commence maintenance dose of MgSO₄ 1-2g (2-4 ml/hr)
Recurrent Seizures consider another 2g MgSO₄ bolus (refer local protocols).

FOLLOWING SEIZURE

- Assess obs 15/60 for 1 hr. (eg. BP, P, RR, T, O₂ sats).
- CTG monitoring.
- Consciousness, twitching or restlessness.
- Uterine activity and progress of labour.
- Vaginal loss.
- Nil orally.
- IV fluids and medications
- Bloods - FBE, platelets, U&E, AST, ALT, LDH, BSL, Ca, Mg
- UO (V24 measures - Strict F&O - 2 oliguria (<80mls over 4/24).
- Observe for pulmonary oedema.
- Dark quiet room, restrict visitors.
- MgSO₄ levels are checked 6/24 and dose adjusted accordingly.
- Plans should be made regards mode of birth.
- Fetal assessment.

Watch for signs of Haemolysis. Elevated Liver enzymes.
Low Platelets syndrome (HELLP)

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ANTENATAL ANTEPARTUM HAEMORRHAGE

BLEEDING FROM THE GENITAL TRACT AFTER THE 20TH WEEK OF PREGNANCY AND BEFORE THE ONSET OF LABOUR.

***BLEEDING IN PREGNANCY REMAINS A MAJOR CAUSE OF PERINATAL MORTALITY.**

INCIDENCE

- 2-5% of pregnancies.

CAUSES

- Placenta praevia 30%.
- Placental Abruption 25%.
- Vasa praevia (rare).
- Cervical and lower genital tract bleeding 45%.

MANAGEMENT

PATIENT ASSESSMENT

- Observations.
- History (e.g. Any PV bleeding throughout pregnancy, EDD, including recent trauma, etc)
- Note time, colour, consistency and weight amount of blood loss.
- Abdominal Palpation-check fundal height, lie and presentation-**gently**. May use Ultrasound.

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