

CHILDBIRTH

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- If indicated, Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

Normal Delivery

- Patient assessment with visual exam of perineum
- Control head and speed of delivery
- Suction mouth first, then nose
- Check for cord around neck
- Deliver upper, then lower shoulder
- Dry, stimulate, and wrap baby
- Cut and clamp cord 6" from newborn's umbilicus
- Healthy infant to mother's breast
- Prepare for delivery of placenta

Complications

- Hypertension B/P > 180/110
- Seizures-follow seizure protocol
- Placenta abruptio/previa = vaginal bleeding in last trimester not associated with labor
- Breech/Limb presentation
- Prolapsed cord - Place mother in Trendelenberg or knee-chest position. Feel cord for pulse. With gloved hand, push baby into vagina slightly to take pressure off cord. Maintain this position. Do not attempt to push cord back
- **Initiate Rapid Transport ASAP!**

Postpartum Hemorrhage

- Perform visual exam to determine site of bleeding
- For perineal tear, apply direct pressure
- Firmly massage fundus