Management of Labor

Management of Labor Dystocia Algorithm

63 Labor dystocia diagnosis

64 Stage I labor

65 < 1 cm dilation for 2 consecutive hours?

66 Management of protracted labor
   - Evaluate potential causes
   - Consider:
     - IV fluids
     - Amniotomy
     - Decrease anesthesia
     - Oxytocin augmentation
     - IUPC
     - OB/surgery consult

67 Adequate labor for 2-4 hours with cervical change?

68 Arrest of labor

69 Caesarean delivery

70 Stage II labor

71 Fetal head descent > 1 cm/hour?

72 Normal vaginal delivery

73 Management of protracted labor
   - Evaluation of maternal and fetal position
   - Oxytocin augmentation
   - Allow contractions to move fetus
   - Decrease anesthesia
   - Evaluate fluid balance
   - Consider assisted delivery
   - Consider OB / surgery consult

74 Is the head descending?

75 Assisted vaginal delivery indicated?

76 Assisted vaginal delivery

A = Annotation