



## **Perinatal Manual of Southwestern Ontario**

A collaboration between the Regional Perinatal Outreach Program of Southwestern Ontario & the Southwestern Ontario Perinatal Partnership (SWOPP)

## **Chapter 29**

### **ANTENATAL/INTRAPARTUM ADMISSION HISTORY**

#### **Collection of Information**

1. To simplify history taking and to avoid redundant and repetitive notes and questioning of the woman, a copy of the woman's Ontario Antenatal Record, I and II, should be readily available. Women who keep their pregnancy record close at hand have been found to have an enhanced feeling of being in control. *Where the Ontario Antenatal Record is not available, history forms should reflect information found in these forms.*
2. It is recommended that assessment of the woman's psychosocial health be incorporated into routine perinatal care. Health care providers should make an assessment of the psychosocial health at presentation.

#### **Screening**

1. Educational materials on abuse should be clearly displayed in waiting areas, examinations rooms, and washrooms. Telephone numbers of local women's shelters and help lines should be clearly displayed, especially in washrooms.
2. Hospital preadmission visits afford the couple an opportunity to develop and review their birth plan, have a tour of the hospital facilities, and streamline the admission process.
3. Antenatal classes for women and their partners are likely to be beneficial. Many public health units and hospitals have also arranged for prenatal "health fairs" to provide preconception and early prenatal information to the public.

## **Present Status**

1. Reason for admission
2. Membranes
  - a. Intact
  - b. Ruptured
    - i. Time
    - ii. Colour of fluid
3. Contractions
  - a. Onset
  - b. Frequency and duration
4. TPR, BP, FHR
5. Urine
  - a. Protein
  - b. Acetone
  - c. Glucose
6. Symphysis Fundal Height (SFH)
7. Abdominal Palpation
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Position
  - c. Engagement
8. Pelvic Assessment
  - a. Cervix
    - i. Dilation
    - ii. Effacement
    - iii. Application
  - b. Presentation – position
  - c. Status of membranes
  - d. Pelvic architecture – station
9. Review of Ontario Antenatal Records, Consultation Notes and Birth Plan

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