

Guidelines for fetal monitoring* on the antenatal patients

(* 30 minute fetal heart rate tracing with the use of external monitoring)

1) Preterm premature rupture of the membranes:

Daily monitor tracings starting at the gestational age when the mother would like intervention for fetal indications; initiate at 26 weeks for all others

2) Preterm labor:

Twice each week

3) Incompetent cervix without contractions:

Prn contractions or other change of conditions

4) Previa with appropriate grown fetus:

Twice each week.

5) Small-for-gestational-age fetus/pregnancy-induced hypertension/insulin-dependent diabetes:

Once daily

6) Oligohydramnios or SGA with abnormal umbilical cord Doppler:

Twice each day

7) Pyelonephritis with fever (with viability criteria as noted in #1):

Once daily

8) Other maternal conditions:

Daily to twice each week depending on severity of maternal condition

9) Monoamniotic twins

Three times daily

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