

Prolonged Pregnancy

Objectives

- Review the incidence and etiology of prolonged pregnancy
- Discuss the normal physiology of amniotic fluid production and placental function
- Summarize the pathophysiology underlying prolonged pregnancy
- Identify the signs and symptoms of prolonged pregnancy
- Explain the maternal, fetal and neonatal effects of prolonged pregnancy
- Describe the nursing management of prolonged pregnancy

Content Outline

1. Etiologies of Prolonged Pregnancy
2. Normal physiology
 - 2.1 Amniotic fluid
 - 2.2 Placental function
3. Pathophysiology
 - 3.1 Amniotic fluid
 - 3.2 Placental dysfunction
 - 3.3 Umbilical cord issues
4. Signs and symptoms of prolonged pregnancy
5. Complications of prolonged pregnancy
 - 5.1 Maternal
 - 5.2 Fetal
 - 5.3 Neonatal
6. Nursing Management of Prolonged Labor
 - 6.1 Antepartum
 - 6.2 Intrapartum

Reading Material Resources

This self assessment module is based on the resources listed below.

The reading materials are in the form of a PDF file and can be accessed from the online testing center once the module is purchased.

Chapter 29, Prolonged Labor, Manual of High Risk Pregnancy & Delivery, Gilbert, Elizabeth, Mosby Elsevier, St. Louis, 2007, page 695-706.