

NCC Monograph - NICHD Definitions and Classifications: Application to EFM Interpretation

Objectives

- Discuss why the NICHD Terminology was developed and the significance of the terminology as it is applied to EFM tracing interpretation
- Identify the operational principles for using the NICHD terminology
- Define fetal heart rate patterns in accordance with the NICHD terminology
- Describe normal and abnormal uterine activity and its significance
- Explain the NICHD EFM tracing classifications and their associated evaluation and interventions
- Discuss how and when intrauterine resuscitation measures should be undertaken
- Review factors that influence fetal heart rate and fetal heart rate patterns

Content Outline

1. Purpose of the NICHD terminology
2. Operational Principles for using NICHD terminology
3. Terminology and Definition
 - 3.1 Fetal heart rate baseline
 - 3.2 Fetal heart rate patterns
 - 3.3 Visual interpretation of fetal heart rate
4. Uterine Activity
5. Interpretation of fetal heart patterns
 - 5.1 NICHD classification system
 - 5.2 Factors that affect fetal heart rate patterns
6. Intrauterine resuscitation measure

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.

NCC Monograph, NICHD Definitions and Classifications: Application to Electronic Fetal Monitoring Interpretation, Volume 3, No. 1, Simpson, Kathleen R., NCC, Chicago, IL 2010.