

Labor Stimulation

Objectives

- Discuss indications, criteria, risks and predictors for success for induction of labor
- Describe the physiology of uterotropins and uterotonins
- Compare and contrast pharmacologic methods of induction of labor
- Review the mechanical and pharmacologic methods for cervical ripening
- Identify the maternal and fetal risk associated with induction of labor
- Summarize the physiology, advantages and risk of amniotomy, stripping of membranes and breast stimulation

Content Outline

1. Induction of labor
 - 1.1 Indications and Criteria
 - 1.2 Risks
 - 1.3 Nursing Interventions
2. Cervical Ripening
 - 2.1 Indications and Criteria
 - 2.2 Risks
 - 2.3 Nursing interventions
3. Induction of Labor and Cervical Ripening Methods and Management
 - 3.1 Pharmacologic
 - 3.2 Mechanical
 - 3.3 Physiologic

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 27, Labor Stimulation, Manual of High Risk Pregnancy & Delivery, Gilbert, Elizabeth, Mosby Elsevier, St. Louis, 2007, page 614-638.