Electronic Fetal Monitoring NICHD Terminology: Standardization, Consensus and Collaboration

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Objectives

- Review guideline development for management of Category II electronic fetal monitoring tracings
- Define NICHD terms for accelerations, baseline, variability, and all types of decelerations
- Discuss the 3 tier system for categorization of EFM tracings
- Identify EFM clinical variances and how to manage them
- Describe the ABCD standardized decision model for EFM tracings and its significance
- Summarize the New York State's Obstetric Safety Initiative

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Reading Material Resources

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

Intrapartum Management of Category II Fetal Heart Rate Tracing: Towards Standardization of Care, Clark, et al., AJOG, August 2013, pp. 89-97

