

It's All About the Labor

Objectives

- Describe the characteristics and management steps of the latent phase of labor
- Outline management steps for the clinical phases of labor
- Review the phases of parturition and the hormonal control of labor
- Discuss the mechanical processes of labor

Content Outline

1. Management of the Stages of Labor
 - A. First
 1. Latent
 2. Active
 - B. Second
 1. Propulsive phase
 2. Expulsive phase
 - C. Third
 1. Active management
 2. Physiological management
2. Parturition
 - A. Quiescence
 - B. Activation
 - C. Stimulation
 - D. Involution
3. Hormonal Control of Labor
 - A. Role of hormones
 - B. Immune response
4. Mechanical Processes
 - A. Cervix
 - B. Uterus
 - C. Passage, power, and passenger

Reading Material Resources

Module WB2510: It's All About the Labor is based on the resources listed below. A copy of each resource is included with the module.

The latent phase of labor, Cohen, et al., American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, May 2023, S1017-S1024

Mechanisms and management of normal labour, Thornton, et al., Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine, 33:6, Elsevier, 2023, 160-167