Ethical Aspects of Periviability

Content Outline

1. Definition of Periviable Period
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   1.2 Approaches used to estimate survival and outcomes
   1.3 Guidelines based on outcome data
      1.3.1 Obstetric guidelines for anticipated periviable births
      1.3.2 Potential legal conflicts with guidelines

2. Communication and Counseling for the Family
   2.1 Use of multidisciplinary teams
   2.2 Determination of family desires and values
      2.2.1 Resuscitation
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3. Guidelines
   3.1 Obstetric clinical antenatal interventions
   3.2 Resuscitation and treatment guideline thresholds
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Reading Material Resources

Module WB1807: Ethical Aspects of Periviability is based on the resources listed below. A copy of the resources are included with the module.

