Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance – Third Edition

**Antenatal risk factors**

- abnormal antenatal CTG
- abnormal Doppler umbilical artery velocimetry
- suspected or confirmed IUGR
- oligohydramnios or polyhydramnios
- prolonged pregnancy ≥42 weeks
- multiple pregnancy
- breech presentation
- antepartum haemorrhage
- prolonged rupture of membranes (≥ 24 hours)
- known fetal abnormality which requires monitoring
- uterine scar
- essential hypertension or pre-eclampsia
- diabetes where medication is indicated or poorly controlled, or with fetal macrosomia
- other current or previous obstetric or medical conditions which constitute a significant risk of fetal compromise
- fetal movements reduced (within the week preceding labour)
- morbid obesity (BMI ≥40)
- maternal age ≥42
- abnormalities of maternal serum screening associated with an increased risk of poor perinatal outcomes

**Intrapartum risk factors**

- induction of labour with prostaglandin/oxytocin
- abnormal auscultation or CTG
- oxytocin augmentation
- regional anaesthesia
- abnormal vaginal bleeding in labour
- maternal pyrexia: ≥38°C
- meconium or blood stained liquor
- absent liquor following amniotomy
- prolonged first stage as defined by referral guidelines
- prolonged second stage as defined by referral guidelines
- pre-term labour less than 37 completed weeks
- tachysystole
- uterine hypertonus
- uterine hyperstimulation

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