

IMMINENT DELIVERY (COMPLICATIONS)

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- Presentation of buttocks, extremity or umbilical cord prior to deliver of infant head
- Prolapsed Cord: Cord presents first and is compressed during delivery compromising infant circulation

TREATMENT

- Breech presentation (buttocks or feet):
 - Begin transport with early receiving hospital contact
 - BLS / ALS RMC
 - Allow delivery to proceed passively until baby's waist appears
 - Rotate baby to face down position (do not pull)
 - If head does not deliver in 3 minutes:
 - Insert gloved hand into vagina to create an air passage for infant
- Limb presentation:
 - Position mother on gurney with hips elevated and left lateral
- Prolapsed cord (cord presents first, compressed during delivery and compromising infant circulation):
 - Insert gloved hand into vagina and gently push presenting part off cord. Do not attempt to reposition cord.
 - Cover cord with saline soaked gauze
 - Place mother in knee-chest position
 - IV **NS** TKO only if not delaying transport

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Destination Guidelines Policy GPC 4
- Neonatal Resuscitation Policy P 2