

Fetal Heart Monitoring Interpretation and Intrapartum Management

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To Register

Go to: www.fojp.com, place your cursor over [Online Education for Healthcare Professionals] (at center of web page); click on [OB Professionals-Fetal Heart Monitoring Interpretation]. Read the education program details and click on the link to continue to the course registration and login page.

Follow the registration instructions, then start the course.

Purpose

This online course is intended to sensitize the user to the importance of using the structured NICHD language to categorize the attributes of FHM tracings and to incorporate this information into the communication between providers and clinical staff during the management of labor and delivery. Awareness of the implications of fetal heart tracings, along with appropriate management can help improve outcomes and promote patient safety, quality of care and reduction in professional liability.

Who should take this course?

The program provides education and competency testing in fetal heart rate monitoring for clinical staff involved in labor and delivery. It is designed to develop, enhance and reinforce interpretation skills at all levels. Expected users include:

- Attending physicians
- Residents and house staff
- Certified nurse midwives
- Labor and delivery room nurses

Objective

At the conclusion of this activity participants should be able to:

- Define and describe key fetal heart monitor (FHM) features including the baseline, variability, accelerations and decelerations, and distinguish them from artifacts
- Define the basic physiological principles responsible for variations in normal FHM tracings and the diagnostic criteria involved in the recognition of indeterminate and abnormal patterns
- Differentiate between respiratory and metabolic acidosis
- Critically evaluate the process and methods for the determination of fetal acid base status
- Recognize normal, indeterminate and abnormal fetal heart patterns
- Explain the indications and contraindications of available therapeutic interventions

Help Desk

For questions about registration or course material, or for technical problems:

E-mail: RiskEFM@fojp.com

For other questions, contact the designated course coordinator at your hospital.

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Course Content

Case Study 1: FHR Variability and Clues to Assessing Fetal Well-Being

Case Study 2: Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC)

Case Study 3: FHR Decelerations: Interpretation and Management

Case Study 4: The Progress of Labor

Case Study 5: Rapid response

Case Study 6: Multiparity

Pattern Recognition Workshop

Each case study walks users through timed segments of labor management and tests clinical judgment in interpreting and responding to FHM tracings. Clinical information is provided on pop-up narratives to set the stage for each scenario and fetal tracings accompany the clinical information on each screen. As users progress through each timed segment of labor management, the course tests users' knowledge and provides relevant didactic education.

In addition to offering several case studies, the course also includes a Pattern Recognition Workshop that allows users to practice and self-test in recognizing FHM patterns according to the latest NICHD criteria. Throughout the course, references can be accessed at the "View References" tab to expose users to evidence-based literature and resources that support the practice standards included in the course.

"Advisor's Opinions" tabs enable users to access an audio-video feature where specialists in obstetrics and maternal fetal medicine provide opinions and comments relative to the topics covered in the various sections throughout the course.

Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and FOJP Service Corporation. The Mount Sinai School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation

The Mount Sinai School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Verification of Attendance will be provided to all professionals.

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