

Procedure Competency Assessment Tool- Vaginal Delivery

Provider: _____

Date: _____

How many of this procedure have you completed thus far? _____

Please circle the word corresponding to the candidate's performance in each category, **irrespective of the training level.**

Indication/ Informed consent:

Novice	Competent	Expert
Unsure of laboring woman's history, context regarding delivery, or has knowledge gaps in vaginal delivery complications and contraindications	Understands and can explain the general indications, contraindications and potential complications of vaginal delivery in appropriate context given previous history	Clearly articulates the clinical value, potential complications and alternatives given laboring woman's history, cultural background and educational level; accurately answers all questions during delivery, and in debrief

Knowledge of Procedure:

Novice	Competent	Expert
Deficient knowledge; unable to articulate steps in vaginal delivery	Able to articulate all important steps of vaginal delivery and aware of potential complications and their prevention	Demonstrates intimate familiarity with all aspects of vaginal delivery procedure, complications, and their prevention

Setup:

Novice	Competent	Expert
Does not know what supplies are needed, unsure how patient should be positioned, poor understanding of how to set up	Gathers key instruments and supplies, proper positioning of patient, maintains clean technique, anticipates what supplies likely to be used	Knowledge of supplies needed for unexpected complications; ergonomic setup of all instruments and supplies, anticipates need for assistance, flexible with delivery positions

Respect for Tissue:

Novice	Competent	Expert
Excessively touches perineum; Disregards how much anesthesia a patient has in handling tissue	Careful handling of tissue, protects perineum as much as possible; use of episiotomy only as clinically indicated	Always handles tissue appropriately minimizing damage; avoids routine episiotomy; knowledge of evidence-based laceration prevention techniques

Use of Assistants:

Novice	Competent	Expert
Unsure of need and placement of assistants	Appropriate use of assistants most of the time	Strategically uses and communicates with assistants to best advantage at all times, and debriefs appropriately

Delivery of the Infant and Placenta:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Awkward or difficult hand placement and motion when delivering the infant, placenta; lacks awareness of active management of 3rd stage of labor (AMTSL)		Appropriate and timely delivery of the infant, some coordination with pediatric personnel, timely AMTSL		Smooth delivery of the infant and coordination with pediatric personnel; advocates for use of AMTSL and baby friendly practices

Management of Complications: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Does not recognize or appropriately address developing complications		Recognizes and appropriately addresses developing complications		Immediately recognizes developing complication; manages with precise direction without hesitation

Overall on this task did the provider demonstrate competency to perform this procedure independently?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

Attending: _____ (Print) _____