

# AMNIOTOMY

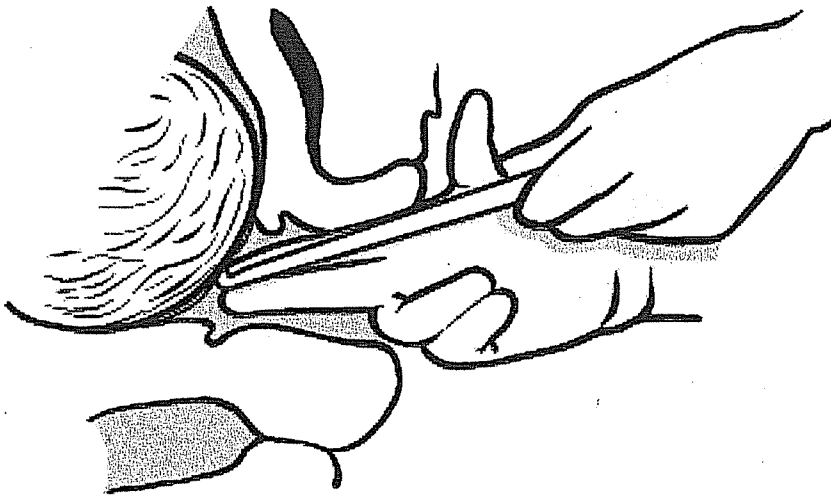
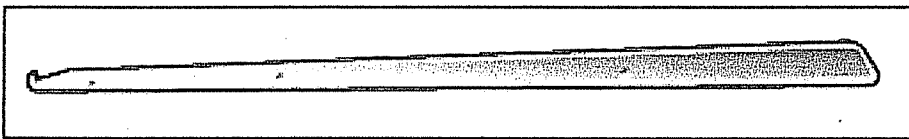
## 1. Indications for amniotomy (aka rupture of membranes):

- a. induce or augment labor
- b. allow internal monitoring
- c. evaluation of amniotic fluid

## 2. Cautions/Contraindications of amniotomy:

- a. high fetal station
- b. vasa previa
- c. unknown presenting part
- d. placenta previa

## 3. How to perform an amniotomy:



## Technique for Performing Amniotomy

1. A pelvic examination is performed to evaluate the cervix and station of the presenting part. Ensure the presenting part is well applied to the cervix.
3. A cervical hook(amnihook) is inserted into the vagina and through the cervical os by sliding it along the hand and fingers (hook side toward the hand).
4. The membranes are scratched or hooked to effect rupture.
5. The nature of the amniotic fluid is recorded (clear, bloody, thick or thin, meconium). Continue to watch monitor to assure fetal well being, then withdraw hand.