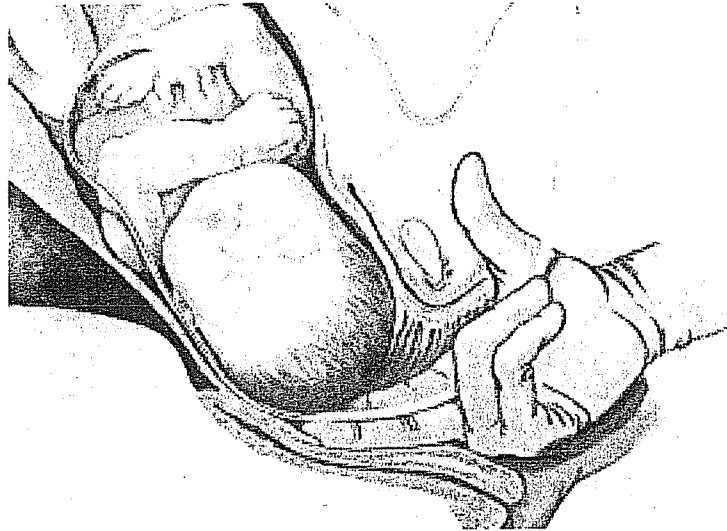


INTRAUTERINE PRESSURE CATHETER STATION

A. Indications for IUPC placement



1. To measure the adequacy of labor. External monitors only reliably measure the frequency of contractions while an IUPC can accurately record contractions in terms of frequency, duration, and intensity.
2. To monitor for uterine rupture in a woman undergoing a TOLAC (trial of labor after Caesarean section).
3. To perform amnioinfusion.

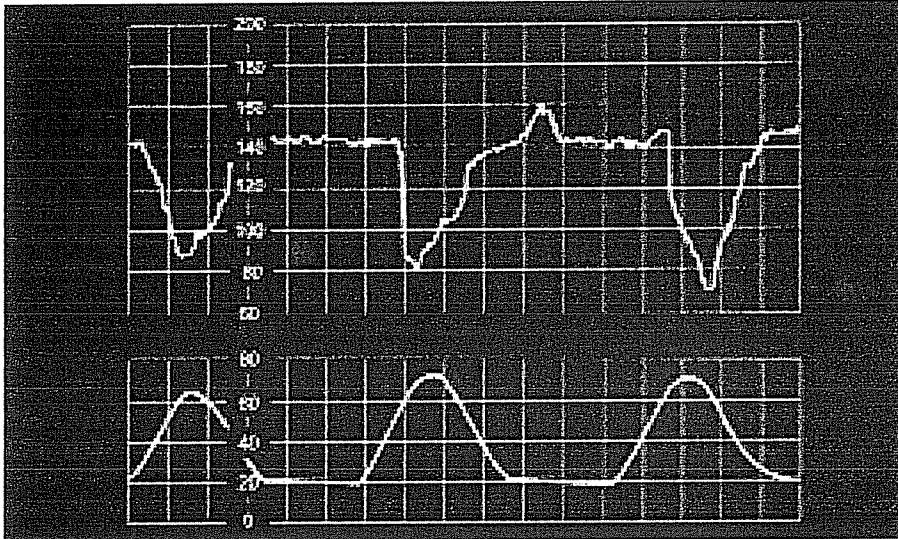
B. Contraindications/cautions.

1. Nonvertex or unknown presentation
2. Unruptured membranes (with contraindication for rupture)

C. Indications for Amnioinfusion

1. Repeated severe variable fetal heart rate decelerations not responsive to conventional therapy.

Example of variable decelerations. Decelerations are variable in shape and timing relative to contractions, and may have "shoulders."



D. Contraindications for Amnioinfusion

1. Amnionitis
2. Polyhydramnios
3. Uterine hypertonus
4. Multiple gestation
5. Known fetal anomaly
6. Known uterine anomaly
7. Severe fetal distress
8. Nonvertex presentation
9. Placental abruption or placenta previa