

E21 PREGNANCY/CHILDBIRTH/MISCARRIAGE

Key Questions	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Baby already born?	Refer to Childbirth instructions , Start at step 4
Does the mother feel she has to move her bowels?	Do not sit on the toilet
Any Pushing or Straining?	Lay mother on her back, knees up, refer to Childbirth Instructions

INCIDENT TYPES	
Labor / Birth Not Imminent	PREG F
Imminent Delivery	BIRTH F Note to dispatcher: Consider the likelihood of having 2 patients / If that is a possibility, ask responders if they want a 2nd ambulance added to the call.
Miscarriage / Pregnancy w/ Vaginal Bleed	PREG F (Click here for Miscarriage PAI)

SECONDARY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
How many weeks pregnant? and/or What is the due date?	Advise Responders
Are there any complications with this pregnancy?	
Is this the mothers 1st pregnancy?	
Any prior cesarian sections?	
Any severe vaginal bleeding?	Elevate legs and feet
Any seizure?	Conscious: Position of comfort Unconscious: Use Chin lift method to open airway If breathing stops refer to CPR
Was a home birth planned?	Advise responders

CALL BACK IF ANYTHING CHANGES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY	TREATMENT
Eclampsia - pregnancy seizure	Lay mother on her side, keep airway open
Miscarriage - Early pregnancy bleeding	Lie on back, Elevate legs and feet. Place a towel between the legs. Save any passed clots/tissue.
Vaginal Bleeding - Pregnancy Bleeding	Lie on back, Elevate legs and feet. Place a towel between the legs. Save any passed clots/tissue.

- Onset of labor:
 - Labor contractions and pain
 - Bloody Show, Blood stained mucus from vagina.
- Imminent delivery:
 - Mother feels she has to move bowels
 - Do not allow her to sit on toilet
 - Mother has had previous children
 - Subsequent deliveries commonly progress faster
 - Crowning is present
 - Bulging of the vaginal opening. Baby's head is present
- Abnormal Deliveries
 - Breach Delivery
 - Buttocks rather than head delivering first. Likely to be a slow delivery.
 - Limb delivering before the head
 - Potentially dangerous - Lay mother on back, elevate hips with pillow
 - Cord delivering before head
 - Very dangerous for the baby. Lay the mother on her back, elevate her hips with a pillow, encourage the mother not to push, but rather pant during contractions.
- Refer to Childbirth instructions

Remember: If the baby is already born, you now have two patients