

Maternity and Newborn Network



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Assessment

Confirm gestation Document obstetric, medical, surgical & social history Identify & document risk factors Document maternal & fetal observations

Consult with PIPER: 1300 137 650

If in a Level 6 service, consult with neonatologist Provide counselling to woman, partner & family Discuss & document parents' wishes

Confirm rupture of membranes

If liquor seen on pad, note colour, odour, quantity If liquor not seen on pad, undertake sterile speculum examination If liquor not seen pooling, confirm with amnisure/amnistix/al-sense Take LVS and HVS

Antibiotic prophylaxis

Benzylpenicillin 3 g IV loading dose, then 1.8g IV every four hours for 48 hours If allergic to penicillin: clindamycin 900mg IV in 50 – 100 ml over at least 20 minutes every 8 hours Oral erythromycin 250mg 4 times a day for 10 days





