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SHOULDER DYSTOCIA

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GOALS

- Understand causes of SD
- Recognize Risk Factors
- Develop a Treatment Approach
- Recognize Complications

SD > DEFINITION

Once:

>60 second interval between head and body delivery

Now:

Condition requiring additional (other than normal) delivery maneuvers following failure of shoulder delivery after normal traction of the fetal head.

Or:

Condition of impaction of the fetal anterior shoulder against the symphysis pubis after delivery of the fetal head.

Incidence

Shoulder dystocia is an unpredictable obstetric complication with the incidence of 0.15% to 2%.

An increase in the incidence of shoulder dystocia has been recorded over the last 20 years

Incidence appears to be increasing as birth weights increase.

SD > RISK FACTORS

ANTEPARTUM

Fetal Macrosomia
Maternal Obesity
Diabetes Mellitus
Postterm Pregnancy
Male Gender
Advanced Maternal age
Excessive Weight Gain
Prior Shoulder Dystocia
Platypelloid/Contracted Pelvis
Prior Macrosomic Infant
Macrosomia

INTRAPARTUM

1st Stage Labor Abnormalities
Protraction Disorders
Arrest Disorders
Prolonged 2nd Stage
Oxytocin Augmentation of Labor
Vacuum/Forceps Delivery
Epidural Analgesia

Unpredictable but Suspicioned

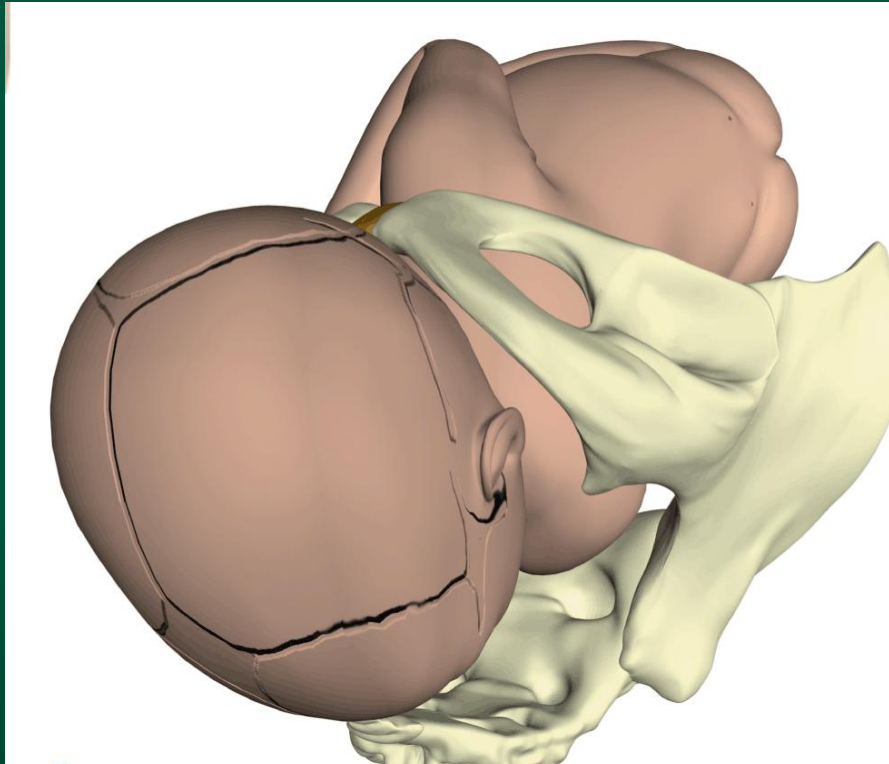
SD > RECOGNITION

1. Retraction of fetal Head after delivery
2. Failed Restitution
3. Failure of Shoulders to descend

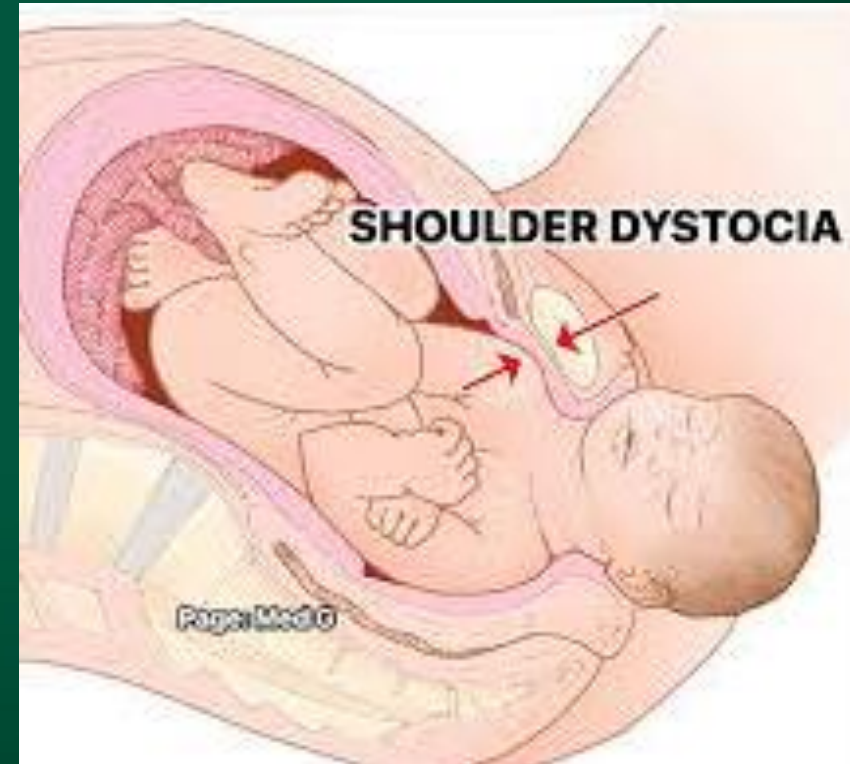
Turtle-Neck Sign



Head emerges & retracts
against perineum



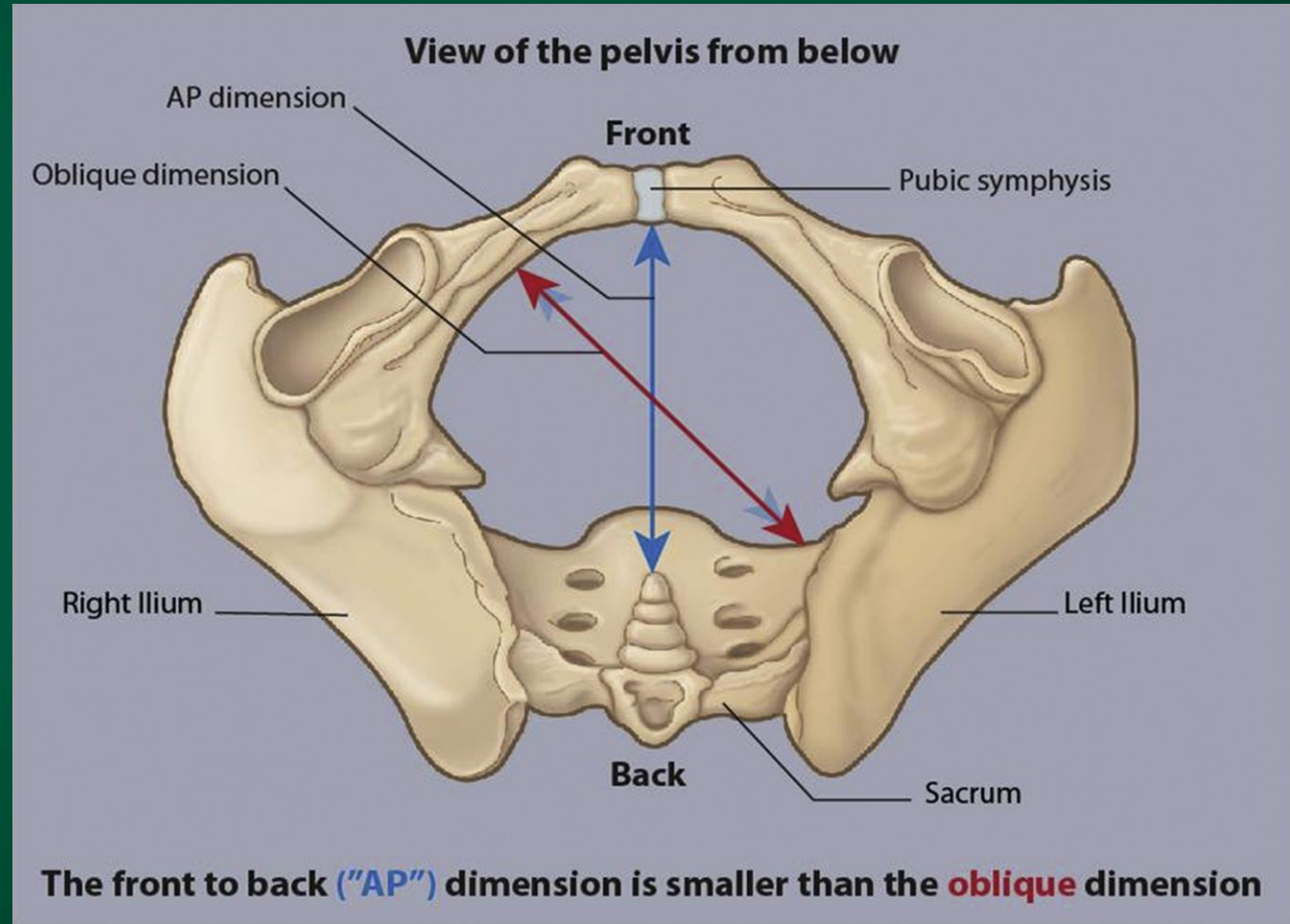
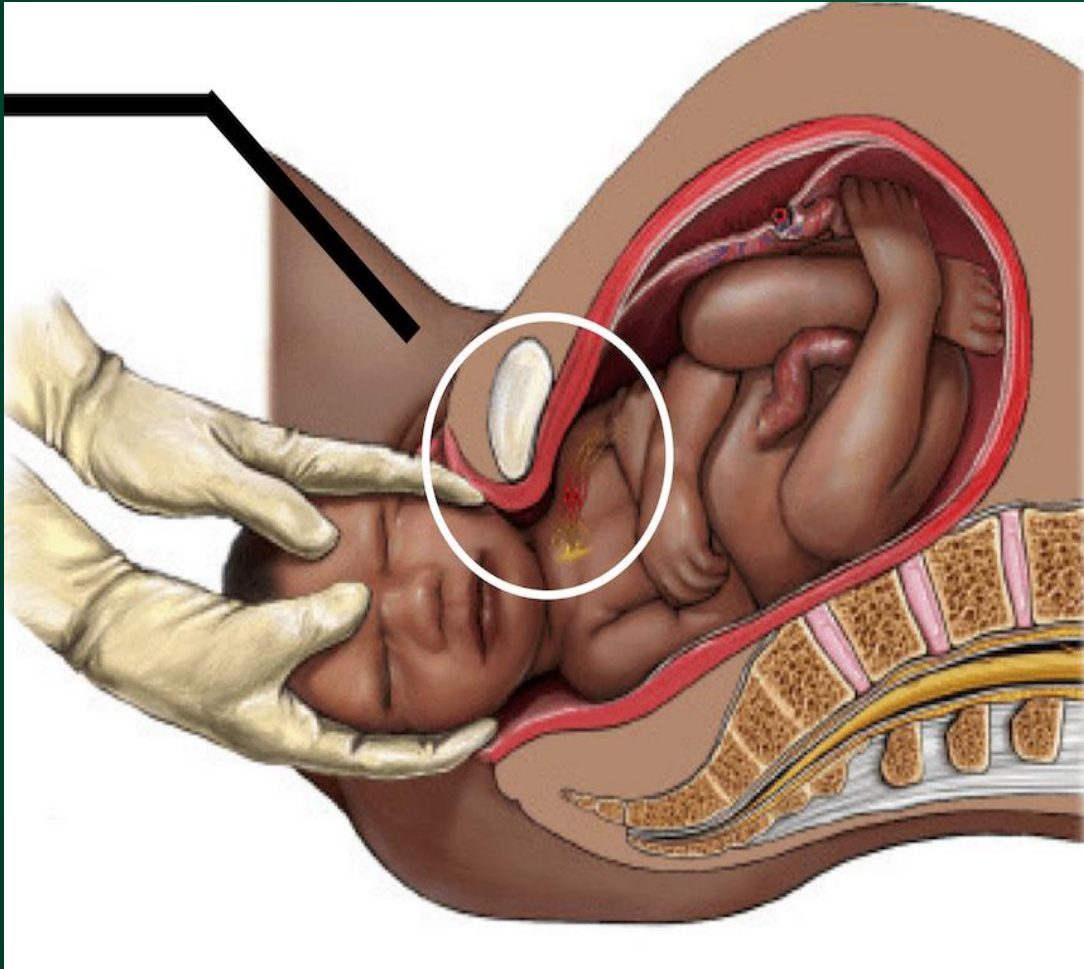
Failed Restitution



Impacted Anterior Shoulder

SD > TYPES

TYPE 1



Persistent anterior-posterior position of the fetal shoulders

SD > TYPES

TYPE 2



TYPE 3

Combination of Types I & II

Gynecoid



Anthropoid



Android



Platypelloid



Fetal/Pelvic Mismatch
(Size/Shape)

SD > TREATMENT

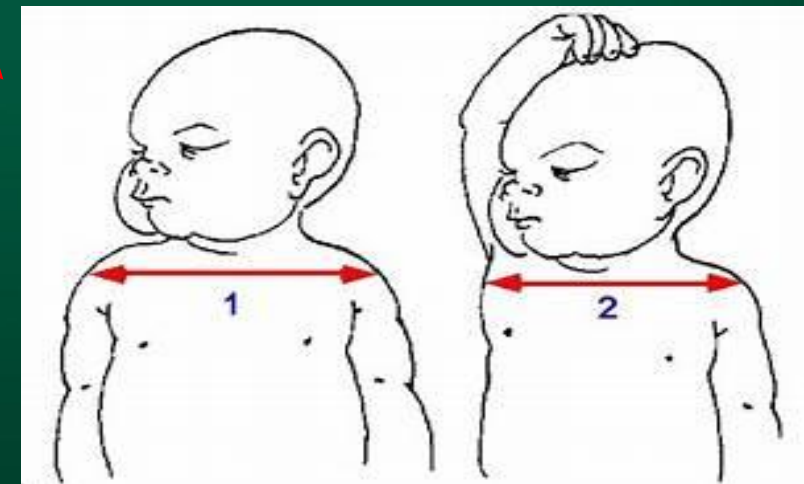
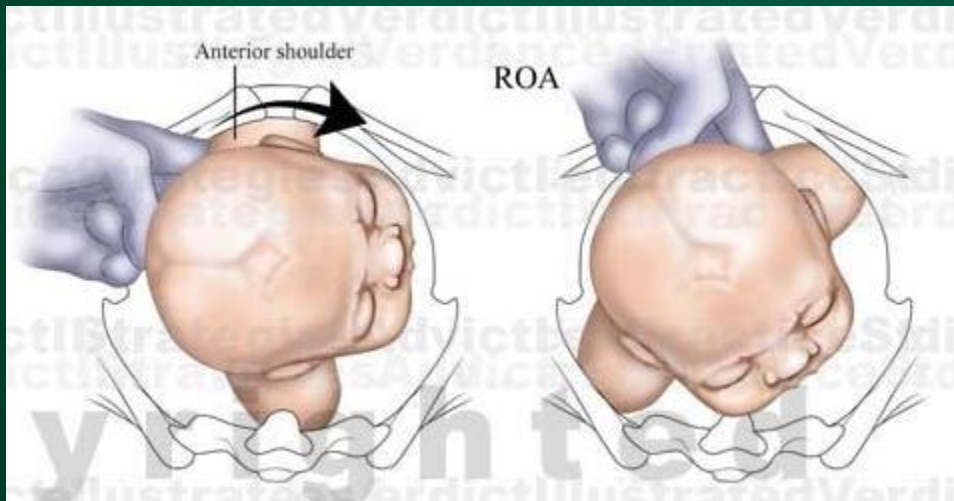
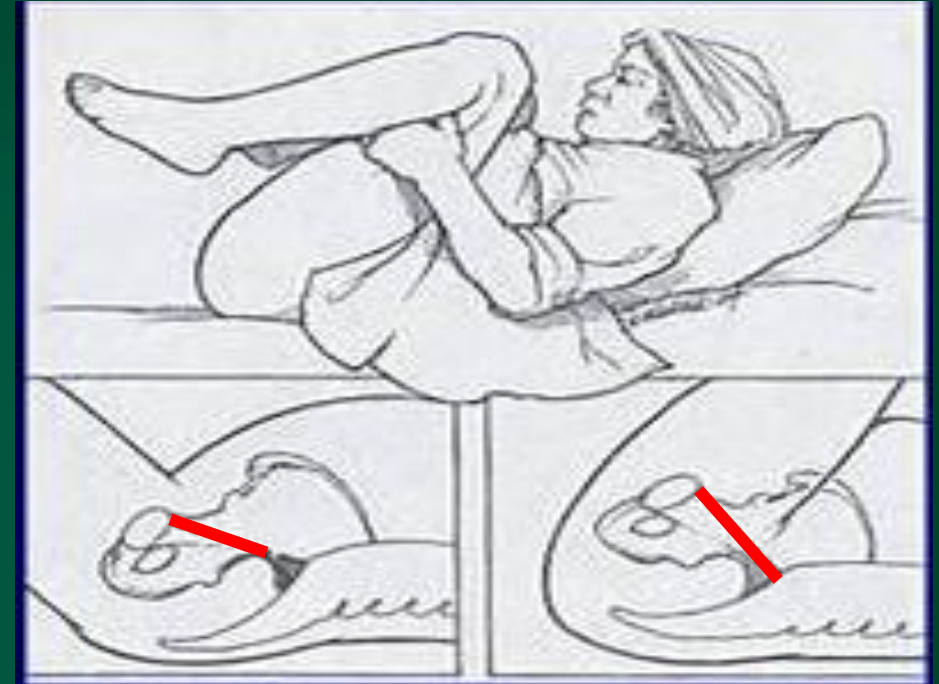
SD Maneuver Goals

Either:

Increase pelvic dimension

Decrease Fetal Bisacromial diameter

Improve Bisacromial/pelvic fit



SD > TREATMENT

Many Different Maneuvers
All Work
Different Complexities

McRobert
s

Gaskin

Reverse
Woods

Post.
Shoulder

Rubins I

Woods

Mentigolu

Symphysi
otomy

Rubins II

Axillary
Sling

Zavanelli

Many
Others

SD > TREATMENT APPROACH



DON'T PANIC!

**HAVE A PLAN !
KEEP IT SIMPLE
PRACTICE THE PLAN!**

BE PREPARED

IT'S NOT
JUST FOR SCOUTS



Shoulder Dystocia Interventions "HELPERR"

H Call for Help!
Evaluate for episiotomy
Legs (McRoberts maneuver)
Pressure (suprapubic)
Enter maneuvers
Remove posterior arm
Roll the client



Shoulder Dystocia

Ask for help

Lift - the buttocks
- the legs } McRoberts' Manoeuver

Anterior disimpaction
- rotate to oblique
- suprapubic pressure

Rotate the posterior shoulder - Woods' maneuver

Manual removal of the posterior arm

Episiotomy - consider

Roll over

Management of Shoulder Dystocia



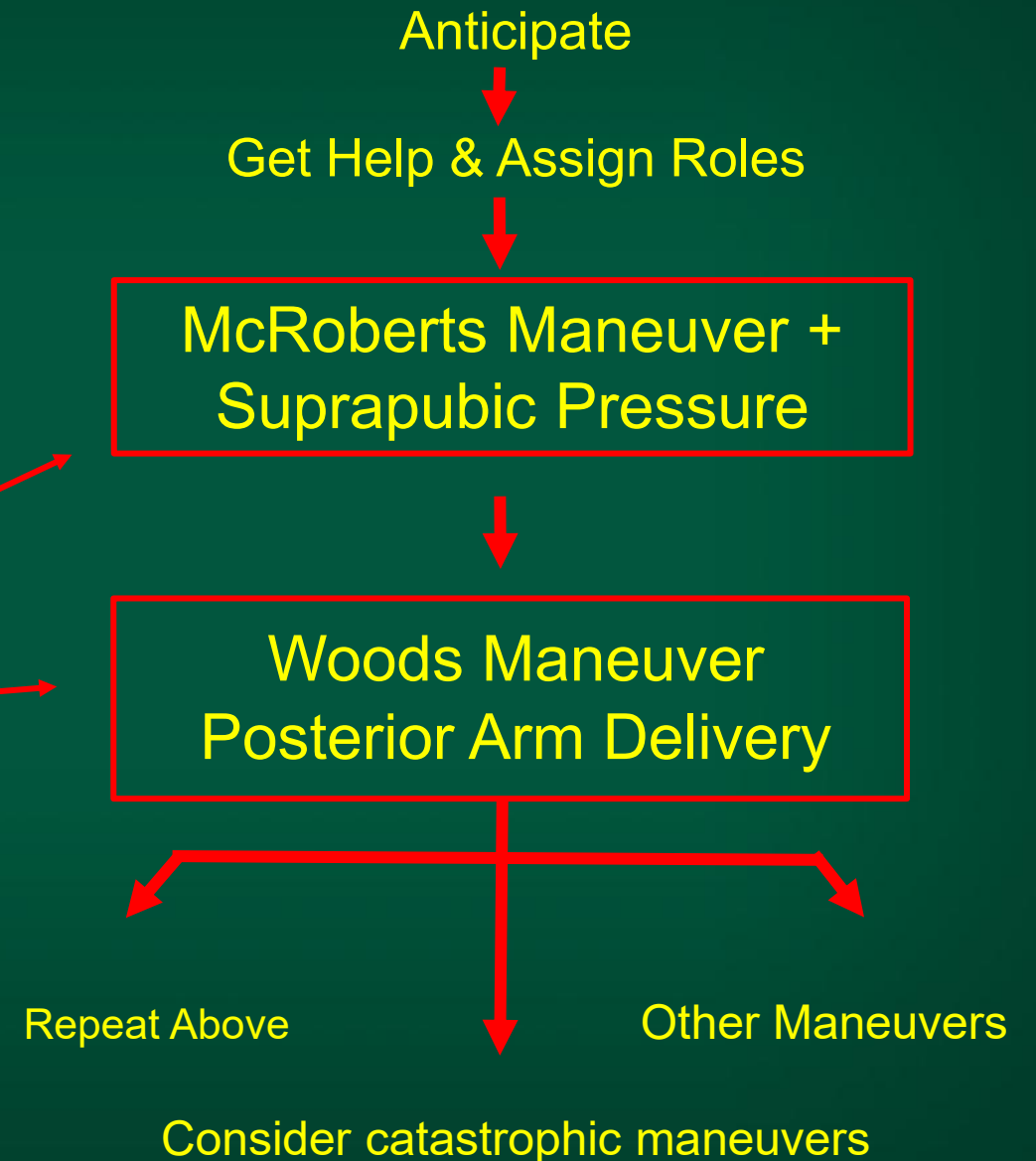
- B**reathe, do not push; lower head of the bed
- E**levate legs into **McRoberts position** - sharp hip flexion while in supine position
- C**all for help - nurses, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, another physician
- A**pply **suprapubic pressure** - downward & lateral to release anterior shoulder
- E**nlarge vaginal opening with **episiotomy** to facilitate extra maneuvers
- M**aneuvers
 - Delivery of posterior arm
 - Pressure against baby's **posterior** shoulder either anteriorly or posteriorly & anterior rotation (Woods corkscrew or Rubin maneuver)
 - Mother on hands & knees- "**all fours**" (Gaskin maneuver)
 - Replacement of baby's head to vagina followed by cesarean delivery (Zavanelli maneuver)



SD > Treatment > PLAN

- No Authoritative Standard
- KISS (Keep it simple)
- Simple to Complex

2 + 2
Maneuver
99%
Effective



McRoberts Maneuver

Description:

Usually 1st maneuver

Requires 2 people (each leg)

Hyperflexion + slight abduction

** Flex thighs (not legs) onto torso

** Elevate sacrum off bed

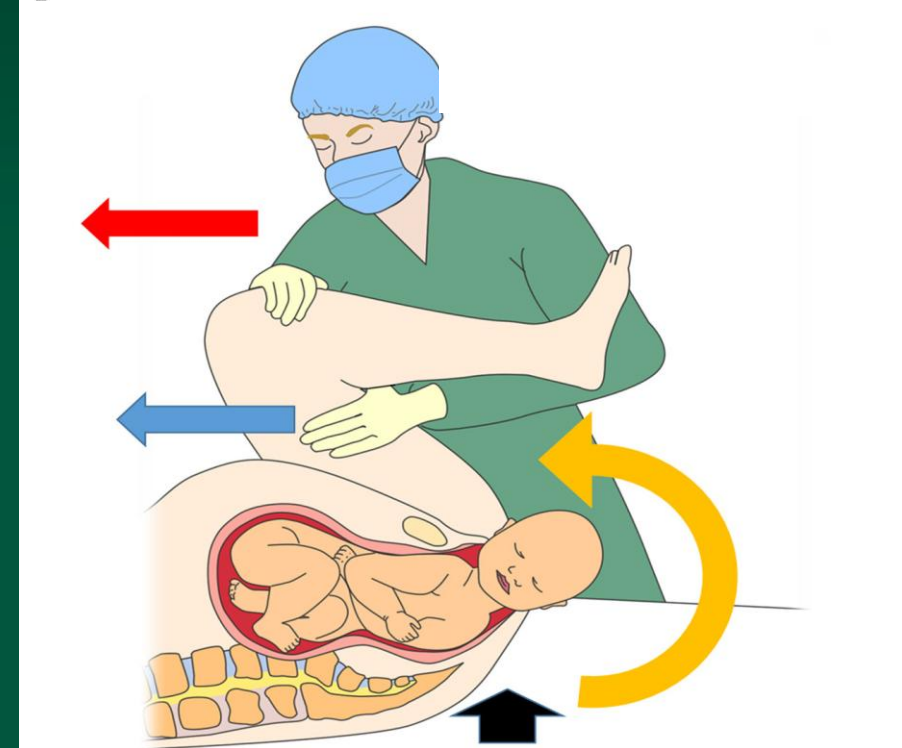
Mechanism of action:

Rotates SP to cephalad (to horizontal)

Flattens Lumbosacral angle

↑ Uterine Pressure

???????



SD > Treatment > SUPRAPUBIC PRESSURE

AKA: External Rubin/Rubin's I Maneuver

Description:

Unilateral (one side only)

Palm ("CPR")/Fist pressure;

Just above SP

Downward (posterior) & lateral pressure

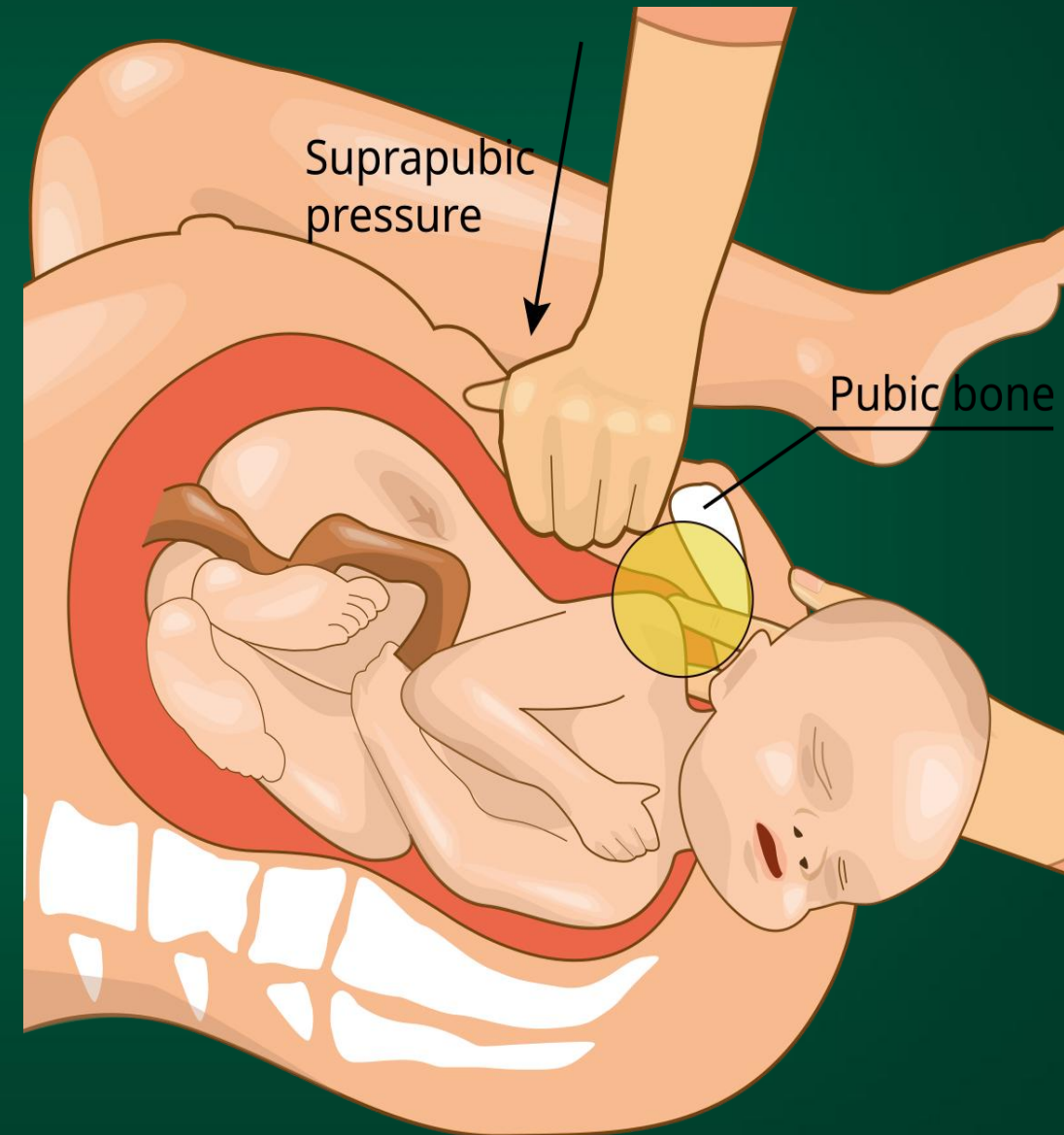
Against post. aspect of ant. shoulder

May be performed with other maneuvers

Mechanism of Action:

Decreases bis-acromial diameter

Rotates shoulders into oblique pelvic diameter



SD > Treatment > McROBERT'S/SUPRAPUBIC MANEUVER SUMMARY

- Simplest
- Safest
- 75 - 90% Effective

SD > Treatment > WOODS SCEW MANEUVER

"Clavicle +/- Scapula" technique

"Palm to Chest"

Insert hand (not fingers)

Forcep like entry

Lubricant back of hand

+/- Episiotomy

Target lateral chest/acromion

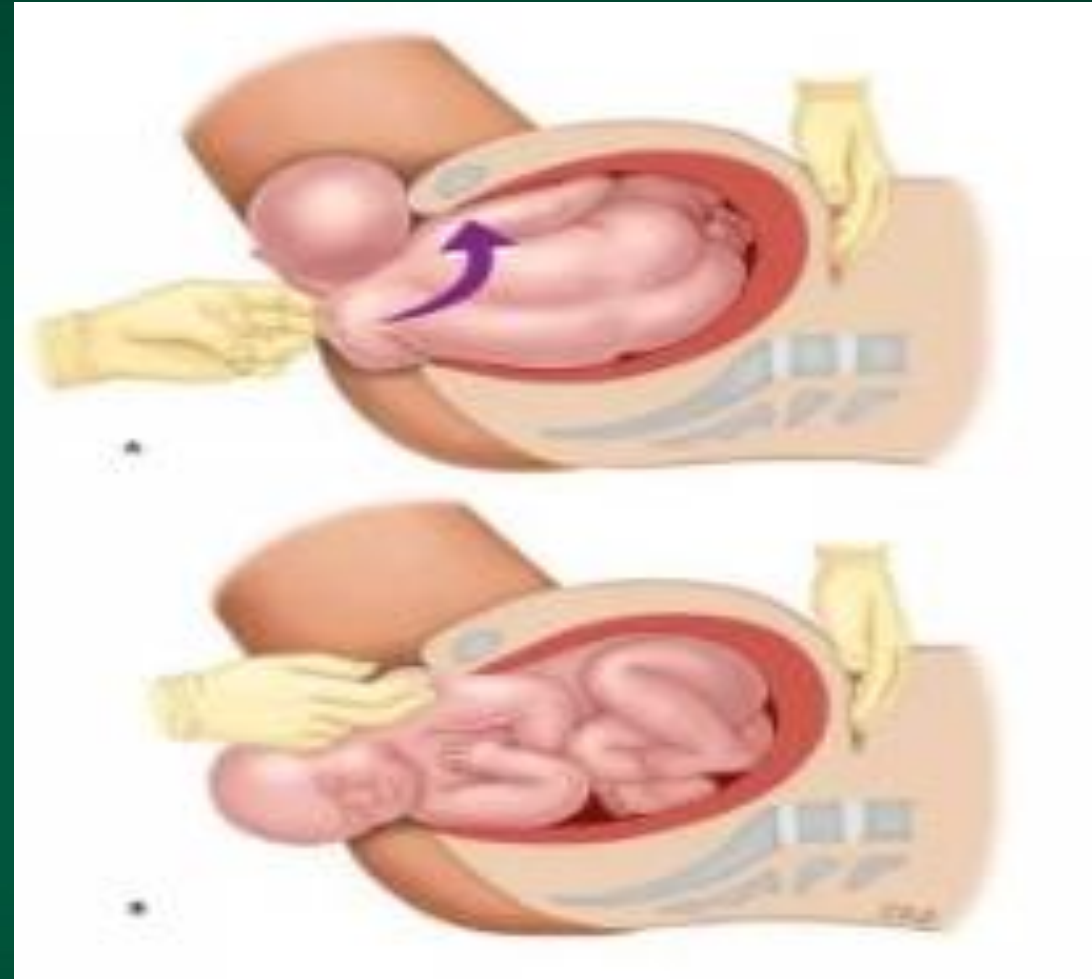
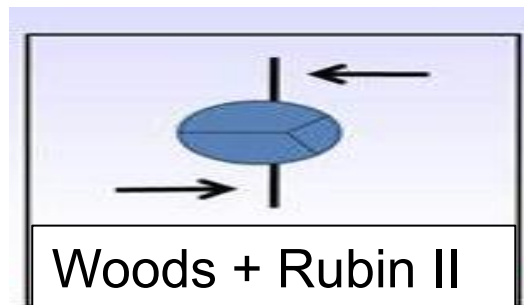
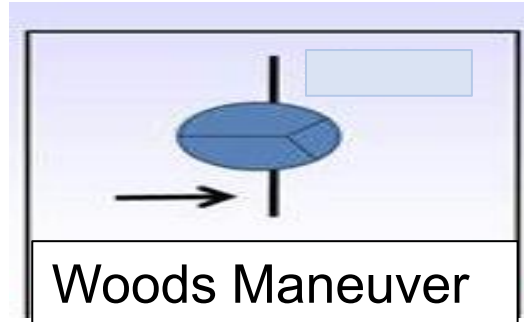
Discontinue any Suprapubic Pressure

Rotate fetus until "new" anterior

shoulder emerges from behind SP (45-180°)

If Needed; Add Rubin's II

Add anterior hand
against fetal scapula





Woods/Reverse Woods

Woods + Rubin

Anterior Shoulder/Posterior Shoulder

Clockwise/Counter Clockwise

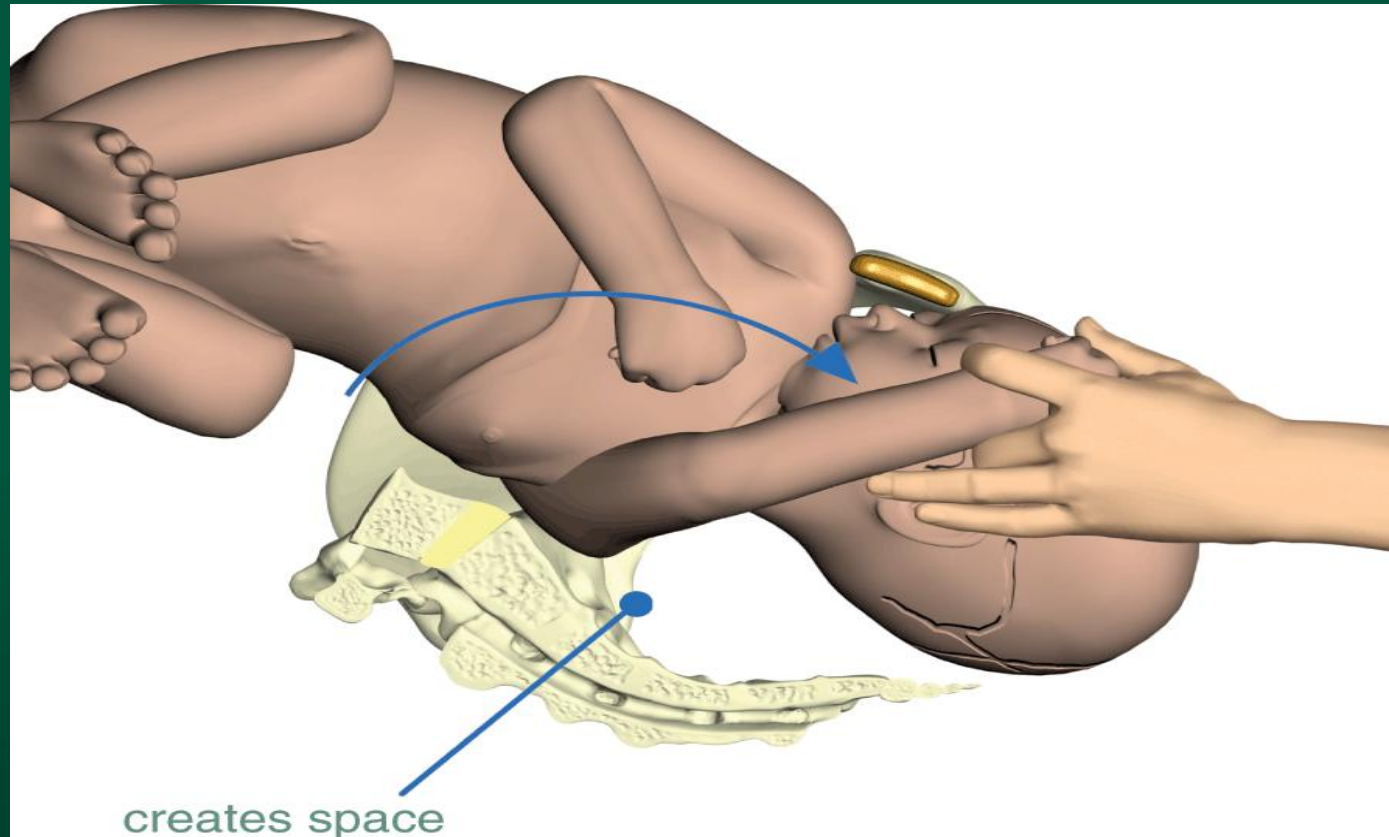
NOT Rocket Science
Just Turn the Fetus

SD > Treatment > POSTERIOR ARM DELIVERY

Several Variations

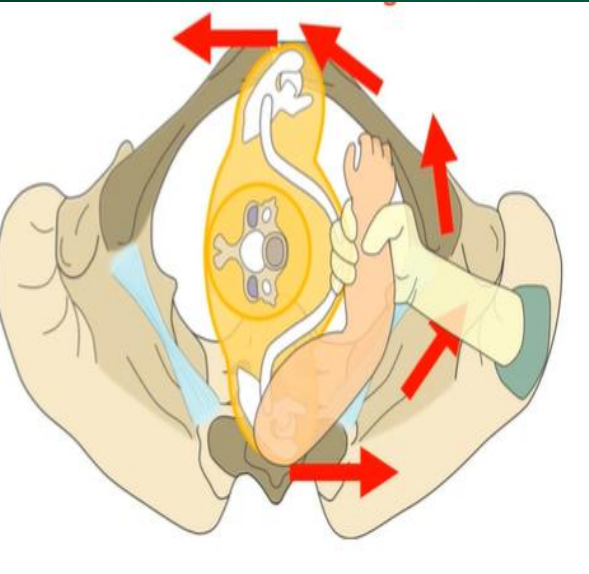
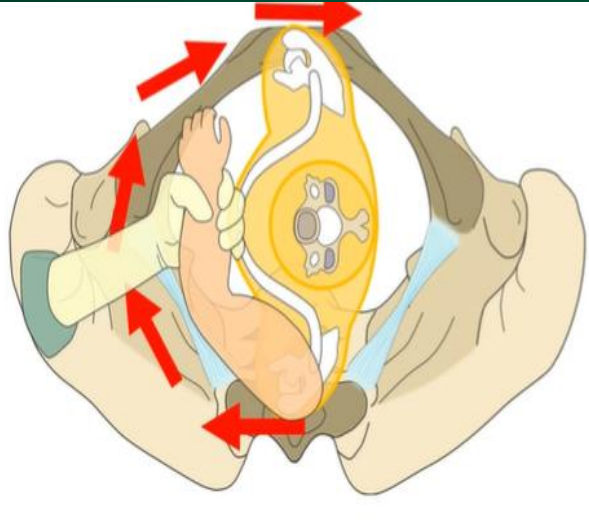
Shoulder Shrug, etc.

Most Common: (Jacquemier)-Barnum maneuver

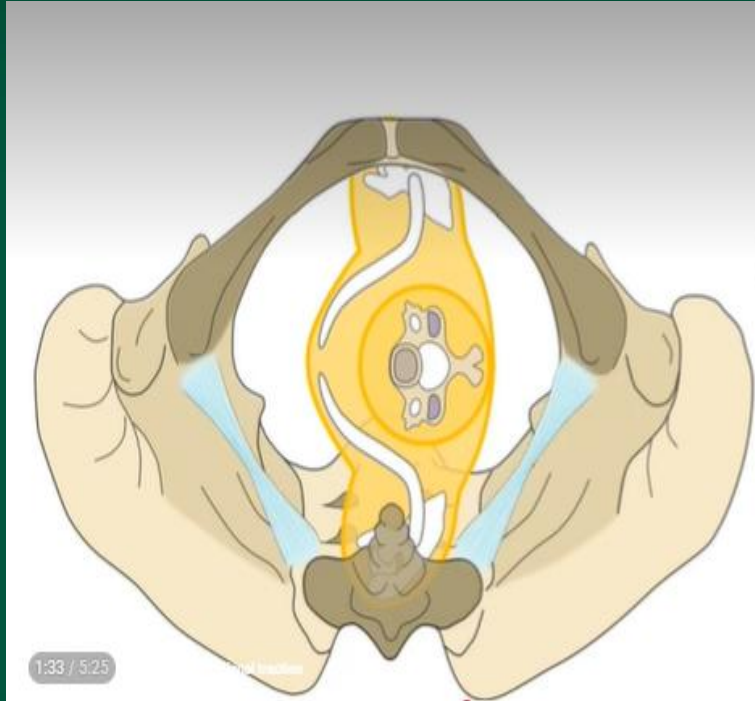


SD > Treatment > VAGINAL ENTRY

Correct Hand



Correct Location



Posterior-Lateral vaginal entry
(non-bony space)

Correct Posture



"Mano a borsa"
"Pinched Fingers" Gesture
Used to express disbelief, frustration



Shoulder Dystocia: Resolution by Posterior Arm Delivery



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SD > Treatment > Post. Arm Delivery



Flex the Elbow
Antecubital fossa pressure



"OK" Wrist/Lower Forearm

SD > Treatment > Post. Arm Delivery



Sweep Arm Across Chest
Upward & Outward



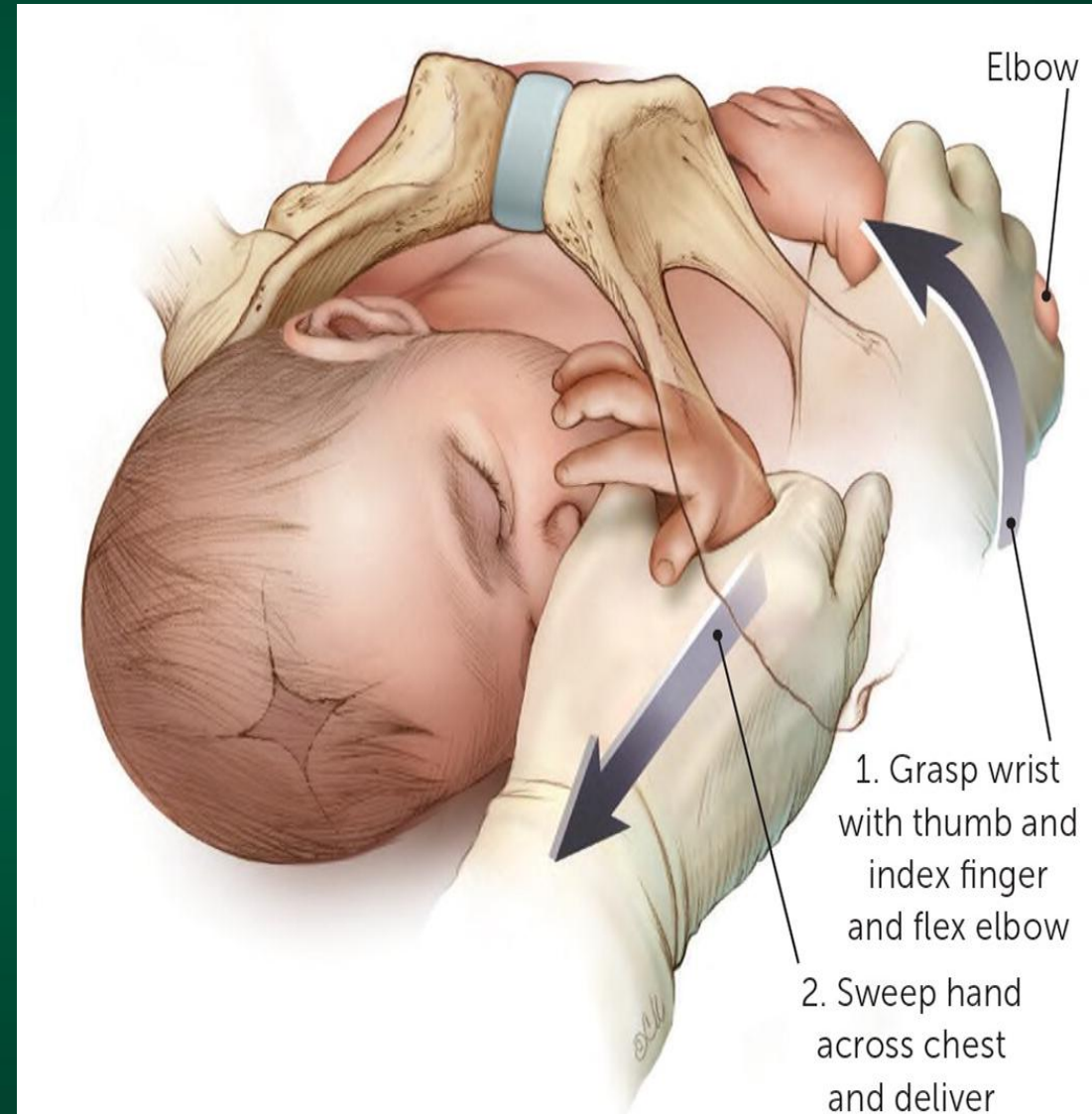
Outward Rotational Motion Turns Fetus

SD > TREATMENT > POSTERIOR ARM DELIVERY SUMMARY

Description:

- **Determine correct hand:** Operator Palm to Fetal Chest
Opposite hand lifts head.
- **Position provider hand:** "Puckered Fingers"
- **Vaginal Entry:** Posterior-Lateral vaginal entry
- Insert an "Italian" hand into vagina & locate posterior arm.
- **Flex the elbow:** If extended, apply thumb pressure to the antecubital fossa to flex the forearm and bring it forward.
- **Grasp wrist/forearm:** Once flexed, use "OK" sign to grasp lower forearm/wrist.
- **Apply Traction:** UPWARD (not downward) and Rotational traction, gently sweep arm across the fetal chest to deliver
- **Rotate the shoulders:** Upward and rotational arm traction helps the anterior shoulder rotate and emerge from under pubic symphysis.

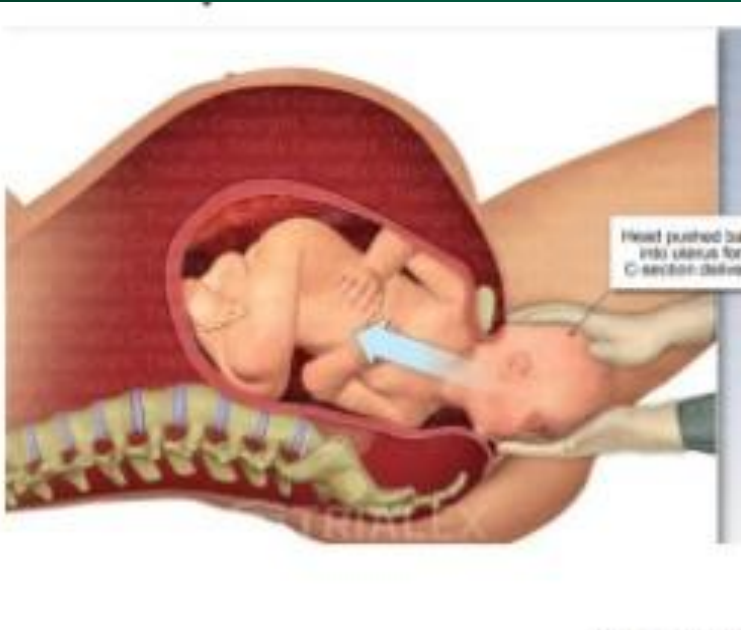
Note: May require Gel/Episiotomy



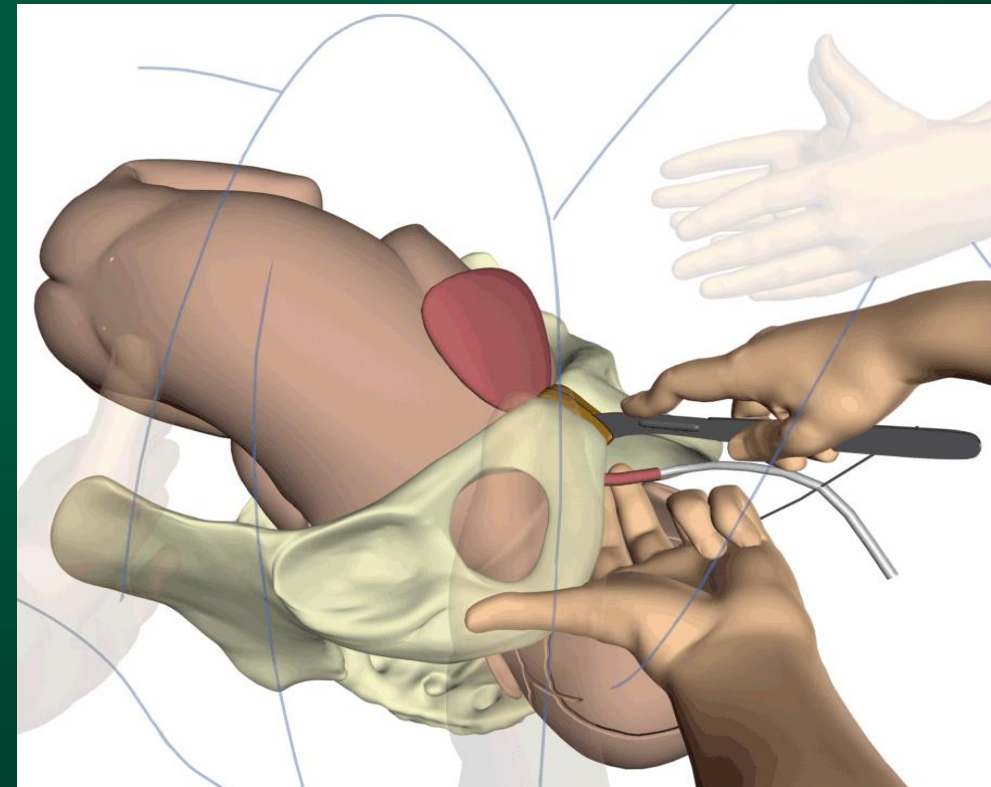
SD > TREATMENT

Catastrophic Maneuvers

Zavanelli Maneuver: Reversal of Cardinal movements, then CS
Intentional clavicular fracture
Symphysiotomy



Direct upward pressure on mid-portion of fetal clavicle; reduces bisacromial diameter



SD > COMPLICATIONS > MATERNAL

"TRIFECTA"

Trauma

Lacerations

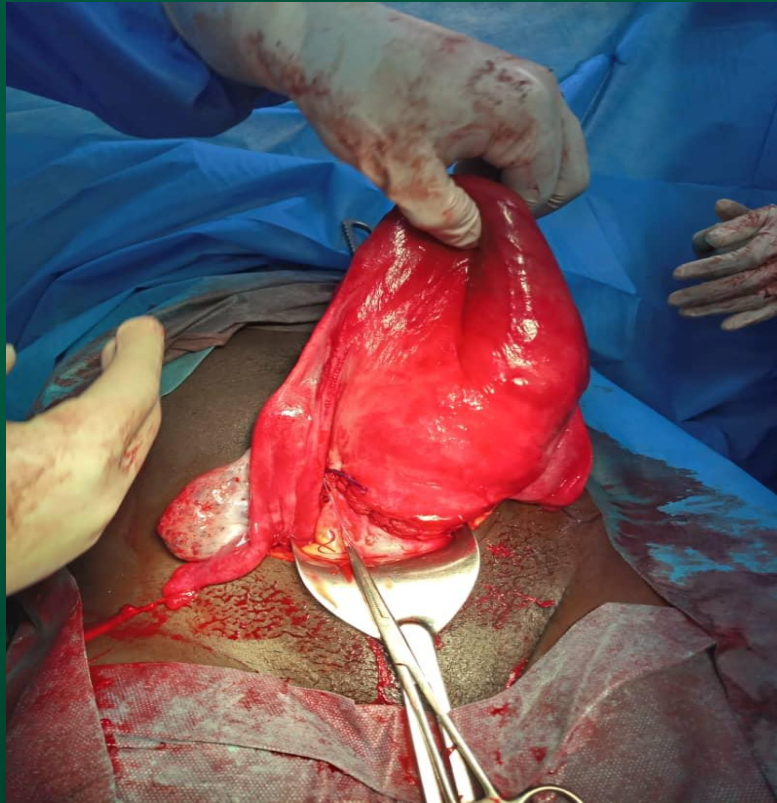
Perineal

Vaginal

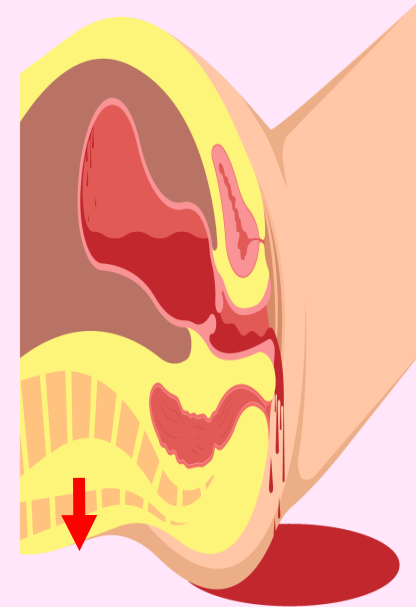
Hematomas

Vulvar

Atony



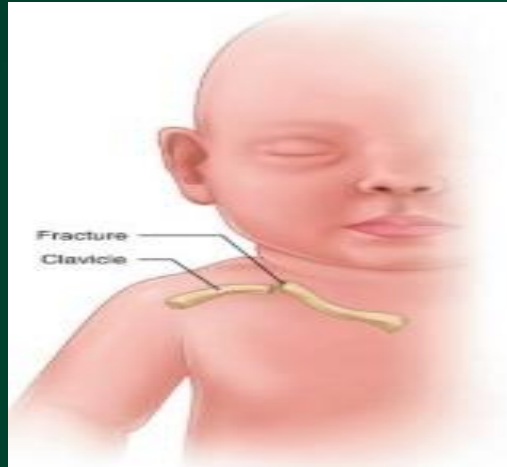
PPH



Postpartum
haemorrhage

SD > COMPLICATIONS > FETAL

Skeletal

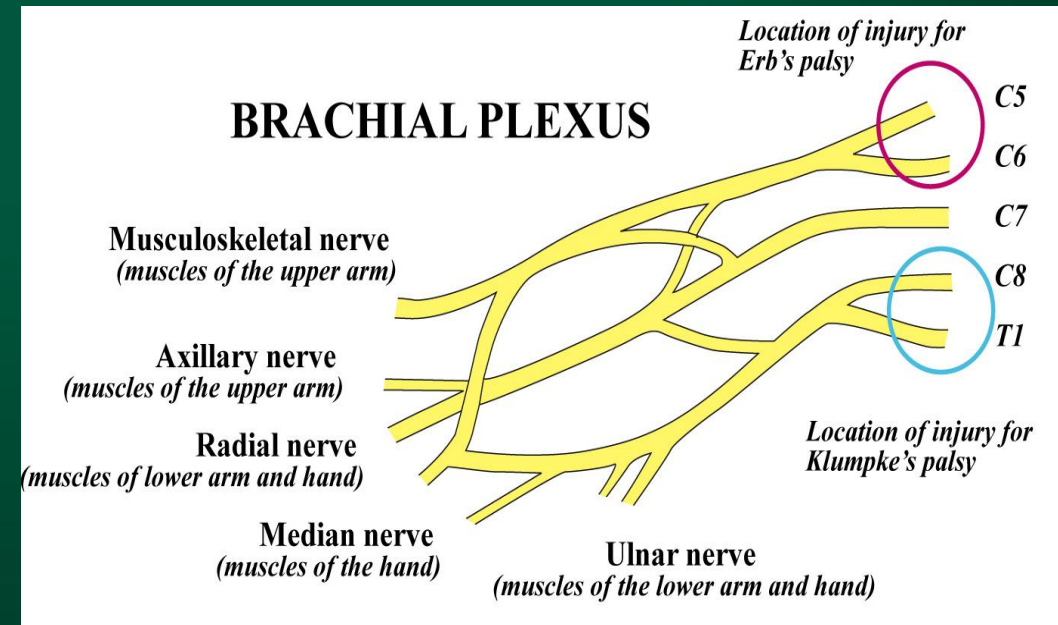
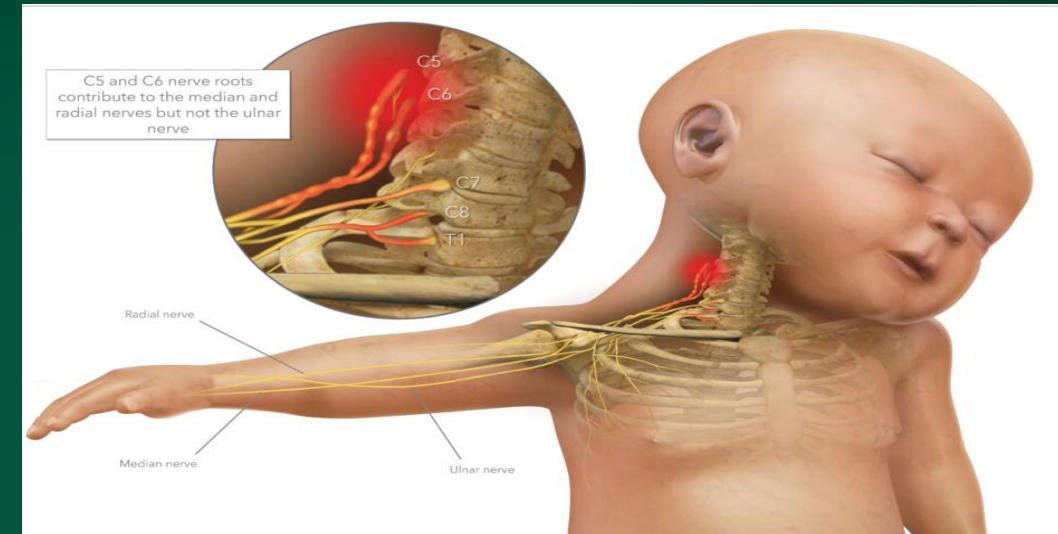
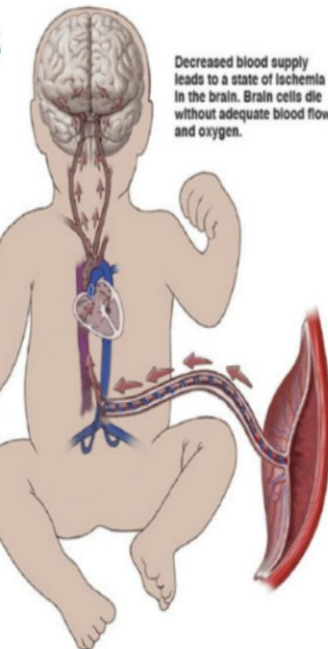


Neural

HYPOXIC-ISCHEMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) is a limitation of oxygen and blood flow at or around the time of birth. HIE can cause brain injuries like cerebral palsy & other intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Decreased Blood Flow to Brain



SD > COMPLICATIONS > FETAL

Transient Brachial Plexus injuries in up to 20% of SD.

Most Resolve, 10% permanent neurologic injury

Head-to-Body delivery interval not predictive of fetal asphyxia

SD > COMPLICATIONS > LEGAL

PHYSICIAN



Fetal/Maternal Trauma
Poor Outcome
Active Litigant Area

Legal: Automatic blame

SD > SUMMARY

Anticipate

Practice
the Plan

BE PREPARED

IT'S NOT
JUST FOR SCOUTS

Have a
Plan

Stay
Calm

Trust the
Plan





QUESTIONS ?

SD > TREATMENT

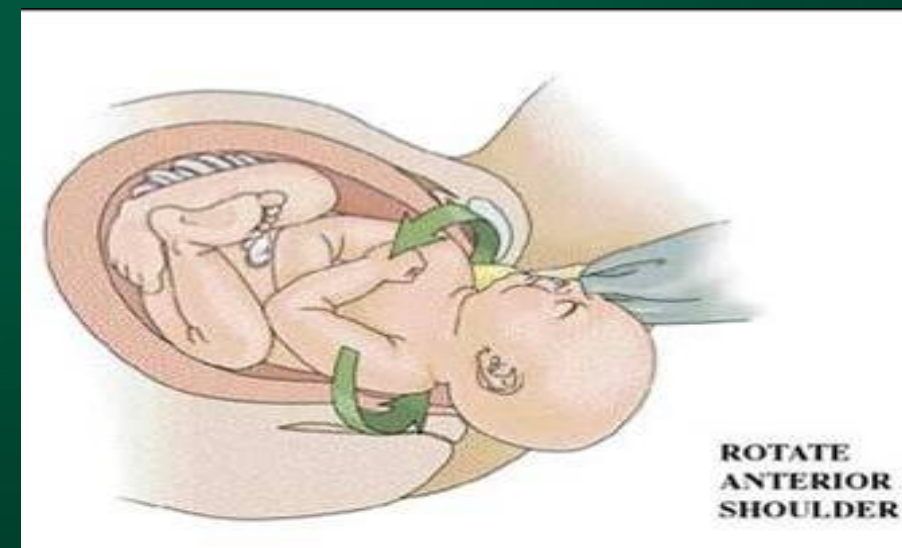
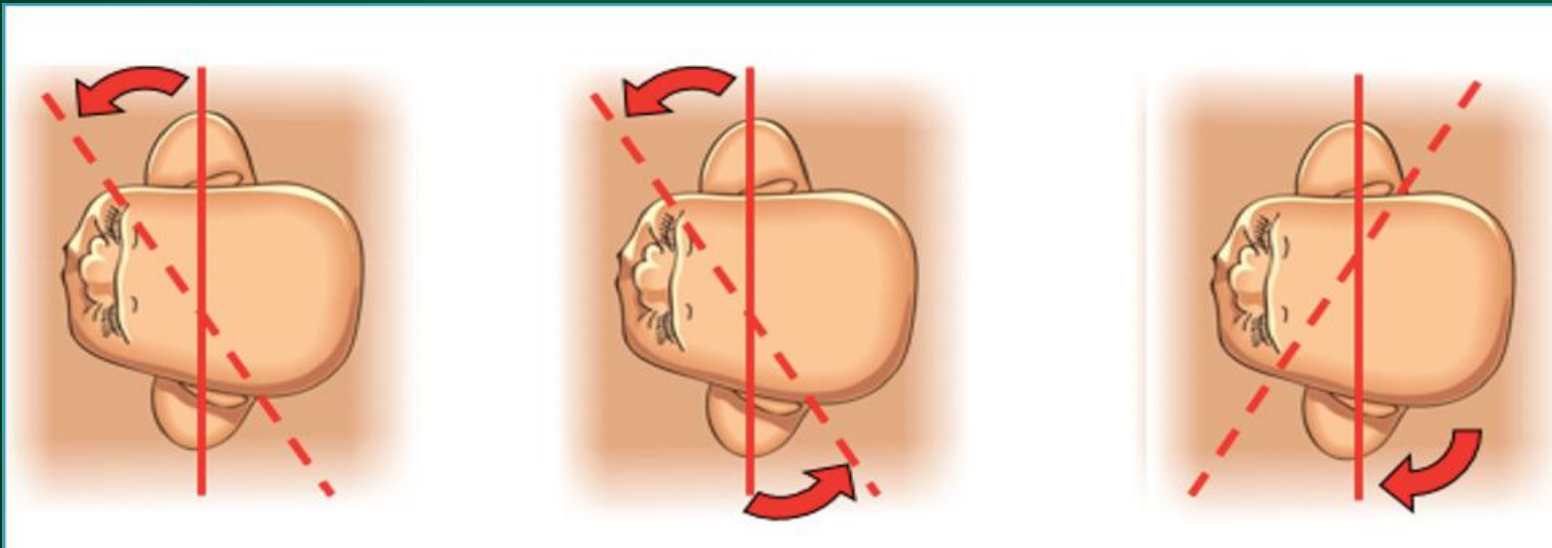
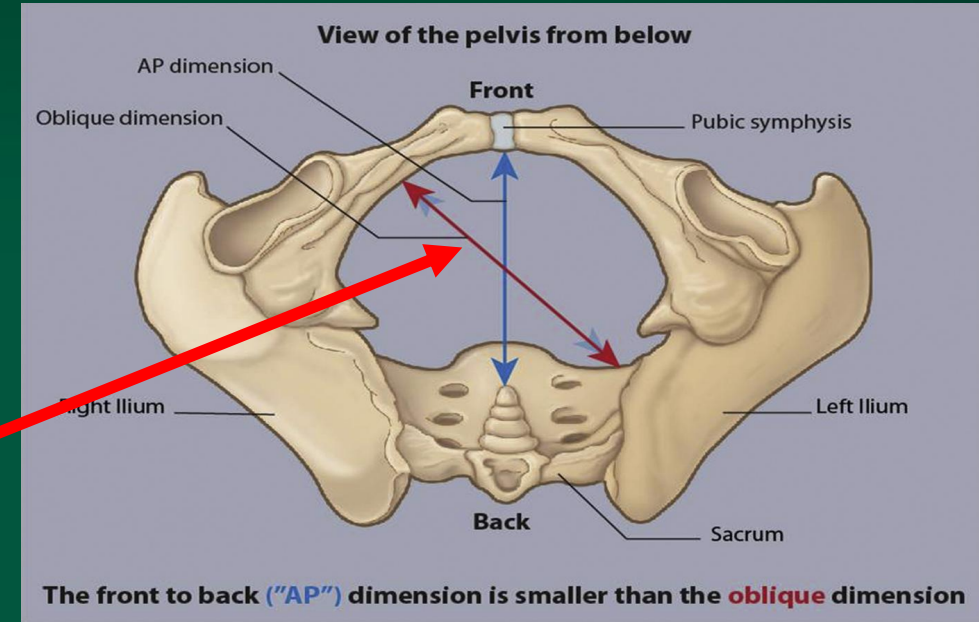
Rotational Maneuvers ("Enter")

Description:

Intravaginal hand applies pressure to the anterior/posterior/both shoulder(s) to rotate fetal shoulders into oblique pelvic axis

May require episiotomy

Mechanism: Oblique diameter is largest





Shoulder Dystocia: Management with Rotational Maneuvers



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SD > TREATMENT > MENTICOGLOU MANEUVER SUMMARY

How the maneuver is performed Menticoglou

- An assistant gently supports the fetal head, but does not pull.
- The obstetrician kneels or gets into a position that allows them to reach the fetal pelvis.
- The middle finger of each hand is inserted into the fetal posterior axilla, with fingers overlapping to create a "pincer grip".
- Gentle downward and outward traction is applied to the fetal posterior shoulder to help it emerge along the curve of the sacrum.
- This motion should lead to the delivery of the posterior shoulder, followed by the posterior arm.

SD > TREATMENT

Gaskin All 4s position

Description:

Position gravida onto all 4 limbs.
May not be possible with epidural anesthesia

Mechanism of Action:

Gravity helps dislodge baby's shoulder, widens pelvic outlet, and changes the baby's position

