NOR-CAL EMS	05-0905	Skills: Obstetrical Emergencies and Neonatal Resuscitation

Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	BLS/ALS Protocols
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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MET (Initials)	NOT MET (Initials)	COMMENTS
1. Universal Precautions.			
2. Obtains brief history: A. Due date? B. Prenatal Care? C. Multiple births? D. Gravida/Para?			
3. Identifies need imminent delivery.			
4. Observes for crowning.			
5. Time permitting; drapes patient, pad under buttocks and drape over legs and abdomen.			
6. When head delivers: A. Check for nuchal cord around neck. B. Suction nose and mouth with bulb syringe. C. Support head and neck as body delivers.			
7. When delivery is complete, stimulate baby to breathe by vigorously drying baby.			
8. Using two clamps or ties, clamp or tie umbilical cord 7 to 10 inches from baby after cord stops pulsating. Optional: May cut cord between clamps or ties.			
9. Initiates warming measures for infant.			
10. Places baby on mother's abdomen or to breast.			
11. Calculates APGAR at 1 and 5 minutes.			
12. Delivers placenta and place it in a bag. Do not throw away.			
13. Externally massages fundus or puts infant to breast.			
14. Place OB pad or towel between mother's leg.			
15. Prolapsed cord: A. Place mother on high flow O_2. B. Position mother in knee chest or left side Trendelenburg. C. Cover cord to maintain warmth and moisture. D. Protect cord with gloved hand.			
16. Breech position: A. Place mother on high flow O_2. B. Position mother in knee chest or left side Trendelenburg. C. Support emerging body part. D. Cover to maintain warmth and moisture.			
17. Neonatal resuscitation.			