

Management of Cord Prolapse in Home birth:

This is an Obstetric emergency.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Identify and declare the emergency	Time:	Initials:
Call 999 or ask partner to call- See panic sheet for birth partners.		
Call labour ward to inform them of situation		
Avoid stimulation of cord		
<p>Ask woman to assume the knee-chest face down position.</p> <p>Apply direct digital pressure to elevate the presenting part, as this decreases decompression of the cord.</p> <p>Insert a Foleys catheter and fill balloon then rapidly fill the bladder with 500mls Normal Saline with infusion set which connects easily to where catheter bag would normally go. This will elevate the fetal presenting part. Clamp the catheter using giving set clamp.</p> <p>Remove hand for transfer.</p>		
Ensure the clamp is released and the bladder emptied before commencement of Caesarean section and delivery.		
Ask woman to walk to the ambulance if quickest way to ambulance.		
Transport woman in exaggerated sims position with a pillow under the hip while in ambulance.		
If delivery is imminent proceed with delivery, prepare for neonatal resuscitation, but do not stand down ambulance until woman and baby are safely delivered		