5.07 PREMATURE BIRTH (<36 WEEKS GESTATIONAL AGE)

BLS – FAQ Link

Assess **Vital Signs**, ABC's, and responsiveness of mother and fetus, **Oxygen** PRN Position of comfort	
<u>If less than or equal to 20 weeks gestational age:</u> Wrap baby in blanket. Allow family to hold baby if desired and offer emotional/grief support as appropriate.	**<u>If greater than 20 weeks gestational age:</u>** Attempt to resuscitate and transport to **Pediatric Critical Care Center**. See **Protocol 8.05 Newborn/Neonatal Resuscitation**
Place all other uterine contents that are expelled during birth in a biohazard bag and bring to Receiving Hospital.	
If heavy vaginal bleeding, firmly rub abdomen below navel with flat hand x 15 seconds (uterine massage) Place pad or large dressing over vaginal operning.	

ALS

IV/IO of **Normal Saline** TKO

IV/IO of **Normal Saline** bolus if SBP <90.

Base Hospital Contact

Premature birth of a fetus > 20 weeks gestational age should be considered a neonatal resuscitation until Base Hospital contact is made. See **Protocol 8.05 Neonatal Resuscitation**.

If gestational dates unclear/unknown, any potentially viable birth should have resuscitation initiated and Base Hospital contacted.

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BLS Treatment
• Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness of mother and fetus. • **If greater than 20 weeks gestational age**: Attempt to resuscitate and transport to **Pediatric Critical Care Center**. See **Protocol 8.05 Newborn/Neonatal Resuscitation**. • **If less than or equal to 20 weeks gestational age:** Wrap baby in blanket. Allow family to hold baby if desired and offer emotional/grief support as appropriate. Place all other uterine contents that are expelled during delivery in a biohazard bag and bring to Receiving Hospital. • If heavy vaginal bleeding, firmly rub abdomen below navel with flat hand x 15 seconds (uterine massage). • Position of comfort. • Place pad or large dressing over vaginal opening.
ALS Treatment
• IV/IO of **Normal Saline** TKO. • If SBP < 90, **Normal Saline** fluid bolus.
Base Hospital Contact
• Premature birth of a fetus > 20 weeks gestational age should be considered a neonatal resuscitation until Base Hospital contact is made. See **Protocol 8.05 Neonatal Resuscitation**. • If gestational dates unclear/unknown, any potentially viable birth should have resuscitation initiated and Base Hospital contacted.