

5.07 PREMATURE BIRTH (<36 WEEKS GESTATIONAL AGE) – EMSAC APRIL 2024

BLS – FAQ Link

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VERSION

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>	<u>If greater than 20 weeks gestational age:</u>
Wrap baby in blanket. Allow mother family to hold baby if desired and offer emotional/grief support as appropriate.	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 PRN (uterine massage) Place pad or large dressing over vaginal opening.	

ALS

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



Report any incident of suspected domestic violence to emergency department staff



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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 mother 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 to Receiving Hospital.• If heavy vaginal bleeding, firmly rub abdomen below navel with flat hand x 15 seconds PRN(uterine massage)• Position of comfort.• NPO• Oxygen as indicated.• Place pad or large dressing over vaginal opening.
ALS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IV / IO of Normal Saline TKO.• If SBP < 90, Normal Saline fluid bolus.• Save and transport all tissue or fetal remains passed.
Base Hospital Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spontaneous abortion 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.