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Ambulance Trust Medical Directors

Clinical Practice Guideline Update- Shoulder Dystocia

Dear Colleague

Please find attached a clinical practice guideline update, around the management of the birth delivery complication shoulder dystocia. This is a supplement to the UK Ambulance Service Clinical Practice Guidelines 2013.

Please ensure that this update is issued, made available to and implemented by clinical staff within your trust.

The updated guidance has been developed following a Coroner's ruling following the death of a baby at birth, and has had advice and input from specialists in obstetrics and midwifery.

The updated guidance is specifically around the use of gentle traction (both outward and downward) and applying traction in conjunction with supra pubic pressure.

Yours sincerely

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