



Patient Safety Checklist ✓

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TRIAL OF LABOR AFTER PREVIOUS CESAREAN DELIVERY (INTRAPARTUM ADMISSION)

Date _____ Patient _____ Date of birth _____ MR # _____
Physician or certified nurse–midwife _____ Last menstrual period _____
Gravidity/Parity _____
Estimated date of delivery _____ Best estimated gestational age _____

- Patient has been counseled on the risks, benefits, chances of success, and alternatives of planned trial of labor after cesarean delivery (TOLAC) (1)
- Patient is informed of the facility's ability to perform an emergency cesarean delivery and the availability and timeliness of services provided by the obstetric, newborn, and anesthetic caregivers
- After balancing the risks and chances of success, the patient and her health care provider have concluded that the patient continues to be an appropriate candidate for TOLAC
 - Yes
 - No
- Patient has signed a consent form for TOLAC and emergency cesarean delivery as required by the institution
- Health care provider providing prenatal care has informed the Labor and Delivery team that the patient is attempting TOLAC:
 - Physician or certified nurse midwife
 - Anesthesiologist
 - Pediatrician or other appropriate health care provider
 - Appropriate nursing staff
- Misoprostol (prostaglandin E₁) is NOT used to ripen the cervix or induce labor when the fetus is potentially viable

References

1. Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery. Committee Opinion No. 115. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Obstet Gynecol* 2010;116:450–63. [\[PubMed\]](#) [\[Obstetrics & Gynecology\]](#) ↩

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How to Use This Checklist

The Patient Safety Checklist on Trial of Labor After Previous Cesarean Delivery should be completed by the health care provider when a patient who is undergoing a trial of labor after a previous cesarean delivery is admitted to Labor and Delivery.

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