



Patient Safety Checklist ✓

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APPROPRIATENESS OF TRIAL OF LABOR AFTER PREVIOUS CESAREAN DELIVERY (ANTEPARTUM PERIOD)

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 counseled on the risks, benefits, chances of success, and alternatives of trial of labor after previous cesarean delivery (TOLAC) (1)
- Patient is provided with information about TOLAC
- Patient is informed of her hospital's ability to perform an emergency cesarean delivery and the availability and timeliness of services provided by the obstetric, newborn, and anesthetic caregivers (1)
- Documentation of previous cesarean delivery available
 - Yes: Indication: _____
 - Previous cesarean incision is neither a classical incision nor a T-incision and there is no history of uterine rupture or extensive transfundal uterine surgery
 - No
- Vaginal delivery is otherwise not contraindicated for TOLAC
- After balancing the risks and chances of success, the patient and her health care provider feel that the patient is an appropriate candidate (2)
 - Yes
 - No

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How to Use This Checklist

The Patient Safety Checklist on Appropriateness of Trial of Labor After Previous Cesarean Delivery should be completed by the health care provider early in the course of prenatal care for patients for whom a trial of labor after a previous cesarean delivery may be appropriate.

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