

# OAR 333-076-0650(1) BIRTHING CENTERS ABSOLUTE RISK FACTORS

## TABLE I - ADMISSION

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**ABSOLUTE RISK FACTORS that if present on admission to the Birthing Center for labor & delivery would prohibit admission to the Birthing Center:**

- Current substance abuse which has the potential to adversely affect labor and/or the infant
- Quadriplegia
- Hypertension >150/100 on at least two occasions
- For this pregnancy, Type I Diabetes, other diabetes requiring insulin to maintain acceptable control, or Type II Diabetes
- Thrombosis, active/current
- Severe anemia, <9 hemoglobin
- Uncontrolled seizure disorder
- Life-threatening congenital defects in fetus. This does not include documented lethal anomalies
- History of previous uterine wall surgery, including Caesarean section, if one or more of the following risk factors is present:
  - Conception occurred < 12 months following that surgery or uterine procedure;
  - Absence of ultrasound to rule out placenta previa and/or placental attachment to the surgical site;
  - History of two or more Caesarean sections without a prior successful vaginal delivery;
  - History of myomectomy which invaded the endometrium;
  - History of a known uterine perforation;
  - History of Caesarean section which included classical incision;
  - History of Caesarean section and complications including postoperative infection, diabetes, or steroid use;
  - Absence of signed, detailed informed consent

**NOTE:** Any woman with previous uterine wall surgery must be evaluated for the presence of risk factors, and must go through an informed consent process. The Information given to the woman must include an explanation of the risk, including non-absolute risks, of a vaginal birth after Caesarean section, and an explanation of the contingency plan in place should transport be necessary. If transport becomes necessary, the birthing center should notify the receiving facility when the transport is imminent.

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- Need for Caesarean delivery this birth
- Multiple gestation
- Intrauterine growth restriction without reassuring bio-physical profile of greater than or equal to 8 out of 10
- No previous prenatal care or written prenatal records available
- Abnormal fetal surveillance studies
- Fetal presentation other than vertex, when known
- Rising antibody titre - types known to affect fetal well-being; significant Rh sensitization
- Amniotic fluid index >30 at term
- Amniotic fluid index <5 without reassuring labor progress, without reassuring fetal heart tones and/or abnormal non-stress test
- Abnormal bleeding
- Need for chemical and/or pharmacological induction of labor
- Need for general or conduction anesthesia
- Eclampsia; preeclampsia with lab abnormalities
- LOW-lying placenta within 2 cm. or less of cervical os; vasa previa; complete placenta previa; abruptio placenta
- Genital herpes, primary; secondary uncoverable at onset of labor
- Labor or premature rupture of membranes at <36 weeks; pregnancy >43 weeks or >42 weeks with abnormal non-stress test
- Chorioamnionitis
- Thick meconium-stained amniotic fluid without reassuring Doppler heart tones
- Known pre-term fetal demise