

# VACUUM EXTRACTION CHECKLIST

## Check the pressure of the vacuum equipment

Presentation of the present staff and their different tasks (Who is doing what?)

Indication of the procedure

Information to the patient about the procedure including consent

Is the descent 2/5 or below?

Is the urinary bladder emptied?

Does the patient have an intravenous needle?

Who is continuously checking fetal heart beats?

Oxytocin augmentation?

Plan for prevention of perineal tears? Episiotomy?

Risk and plan for complications and failed vacuum (Is the anesthesiologist informed?)

## Reminders

Ask the operator if the head is coming down after every pull:

If not, check for - direction of pull, oxytocin titration, mother pushing

After third pull, checklist guider declares loudly " this was pull no 3" .

After 3 pulls the head must be at 0 descent (almost out).

C hecklist guider declares loudly when 15 min have passed.

**If two pop-offs, >3 pulls or if the baby isn't born after 15 minutes, change to Cesarean section.**

## Before going for c/section at second stage, consider vacuum by checking:

Is the gestational age at least 34 weeks?

Is the descent at 2/5 or lower?

Do we have uterine contractions?

Is the mother able to push?

Is there contraindication to vacuum?