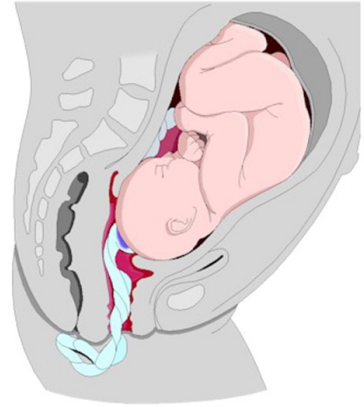


CORD PROLAPSE



A TRUE OBSTETRIC EMERGENCY

Foetus compresses cord against maternal pelvis
Cord spasm from exposure to cool atmosphere

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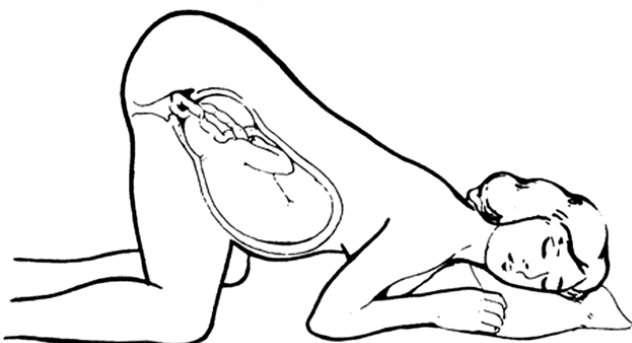
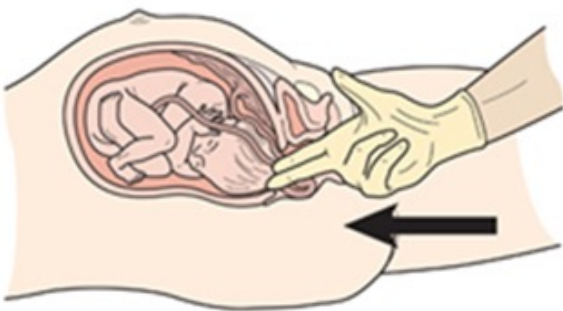
Call Obstetrics and Paediatrics Immediately

Imminent Delivery

Cervix dilated, head visible
and strong urge to push?

Start Pushing

Obstetrics will likely arrive and
use forceps/vontouse



Not Imminent Delivery

Keep cord in vagina but handle as
little as possible

Push the foetal head up into uterus
or
Adopt a knee to chest position

Consider filling bladder to keep
head high (indwelling catheter +
500mls saline)

Obstetrics will likely arrange
immediate C-Section

Consider Terbutaline 0.25mg SC to
minimise contractions