

# IMMINENT DELIVERY (COMPLICATIONS)

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

## INDICATION

- Presentation of buttocks, extremity or umbilical cord prior to deliver of infant head
- Prolapsed Cord: Cord presents first and is compressed during delivery compromising infant circulation

## TREATMENT

- Breech presentation (buttocks or feet):
  - Begin transport with early receiving hospital contact
  - BLS / ALS RMC
  - Allow delivery to proceed passively until baby's waist appears
  - Rotate baby to face down position (do not pull)
  - If head does not deliver in 3 minutes:
    - Insert gloved hand into vagina to create an air passage for infant
- Limb presentation:
  - Position mother on gurney with hips elevated and left lateral
- Prolapsed cord (cord presents first, compressed during delivery and compromising infant circulation):
  - Insert gloved hand into vagina and gently push presenting part off cord. Do not attempt to reposition cord.
  - Cover cord with saline soaked gauze
  - Place mother in knee-chest position
  - IV **NS** TKO only if not delaying transport

## RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Destination Guidelines Policy GPC 4
- Neonatal Resuscitation Policy P 2