

## INDICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION AND REFERRAL

The following conditions may put the mother or infant at greater risk and may necessitate consultation and/or referral to a physician. A physician will be called any time a client requests.

### Pre-existing Conditions

Alcohol or drug abuse  
Active hepatitis  
Bleeding disorders  
Cancer  
Congenital abnormalities affecting childbirth  
Emphysema  
Heart disease  
Hypertension

Insulin-dependant diabetes  
Neurologic disorders

### **Obstetric history of :**

Severe pre-eclampsia  
Eclampsia or severe hemorrhage  
Renal disease  
Seizure disorders  
Tuberculosis

Any medical disorder which could compromise pregnancy, labor and delivery, or postpartum

### Prenatal Complications

Multiple pregnancy  
Significant bleeding  
Pre-eclampsia  
Hypertension (>140/90)  
Gestational diabetes (not controlled by diet)  
Anemia (hem <30 during PG, <33 at term)  
Onset of labor before 37 weeks  
Postdates beyond 42.3 weeks

Suspected intrauterine growth retardation  
Primary herpes  
Pap smear of #III or greater  
Hydatiform mole  
Acute or recurrent urinary tract infections  
Cigarettes during PG > one pack per day  
Absence of fetal heart tones or movement  
Parents not prepared for home delivery

### Intrapartum Complications

Visible genital herpes  
Signs or symptoms of pre-eclampsia  
Seizures  
Abnormal fetal presentation  
Cord prolapse  
Signs of fetal or maternal distress  
Thick meconium stained fluid  
Foul smelling fluid

Abnormal bleeding  
Desire of mother for medication  
Desire of mother for hospitalization for any Reason  
Retained placenta  
Any medical condition which could Compromise mother or infant

### Postpartum/Newborn Complications

Uncontrolled hemorrhage  
Mother not stabilized following hemorrhage  
Laceration greater than 2 or cervical laceration  
Development of high blood pressure  
Seizures  
Infection

### Infant with:

Respiratory distress  
Low birth weight  
Congenital anomalies  
Traumatic delivery  
Cardiac irregularities  
Apgar <7 at 10 min  
Pre or post maturity  
Significant increase or decrease