

CODE: 06 ✓

Question: Obstetrical

Type: Emergency

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Opening Scenario:

22 y.o. G1P0 at 35 weeks admitted to labor floor with headache and feeling unwell. No previous prenatal care. She is diagnosed with preeclampsia and because the fetal heart tracing shows poor variability and the cervix is unfavorable for induction, the surgeon wants to do a C-section as soon as possible.

Major points of additional information to be provided to the candidate, e.g., hx, px, labs, x-ray, consults:

No significant past hx. Airway O.K.
 BP 190/110 HR 100 Hyperreflexic
 Hb 110. Plts 105,000 PT/PTT N

Major decision points (major decision points or options which must be recognized by the candidate)

End points for preop optimization (BP/volume) and how these will be achieved.
 Judgment of patient and condition is surgeon's desire to do case immediately.
 Regional vs GA

Any followup information required to lead to the end of the question

Post delivery: severe SOB, ↓O₂ sat
 Diagnosis (embolus/fluid overload/high block)
 Rx of pulmonary edema

Critical features to be included i.e. the *must* have to pass the question or to be considered *completely unacceptable*

Must have clear endpoints re: patient optimization and be able to relate these to fetal wellbeing (i.e., significance of poor variability) and surgeon impatience.

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