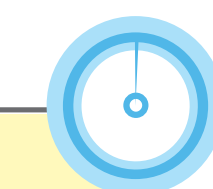


Helping Mothers and Babies Survive Threatened Preterm Birth (PTB) Care

ACTION PLAN



Within 15 min



Assess woman's condition and start care

Use this Action Plan only in facilities able to provide:

- accurate gestational age assessment
- accurate diagnosis of conditions leading to PTB
- rapid identification and treatment of maternal infection
- adequate PT newborn care, including: resuscitation, thermal care, feeding support, infection treatment, and safe oxygen use

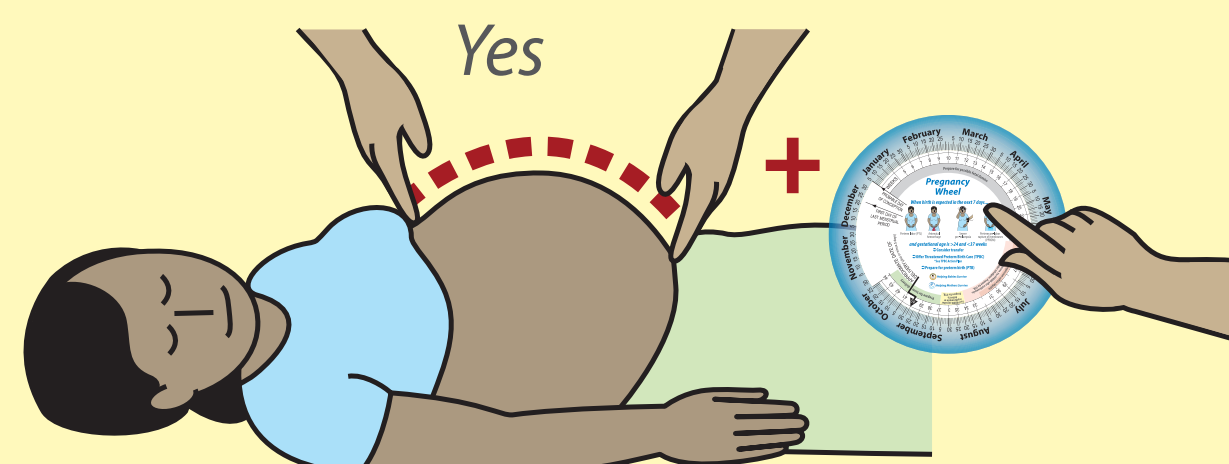
Not stable
**Stabilize;
consider
delivery**

Stable



Fetal heart tones?

No
Deliver



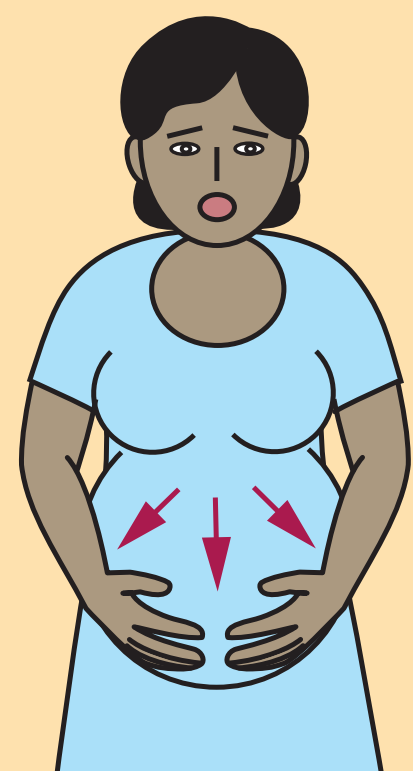
Estimate gestational age

Within 30 min

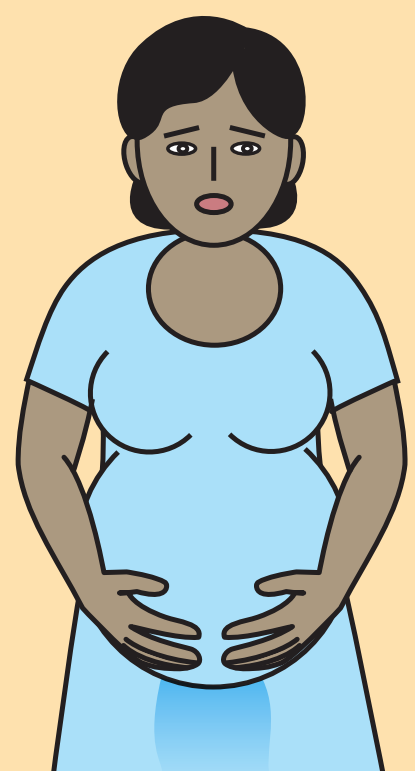
< 37 weeks

≥ 37 weeks

Condition with high risk of PTB in next 7 days



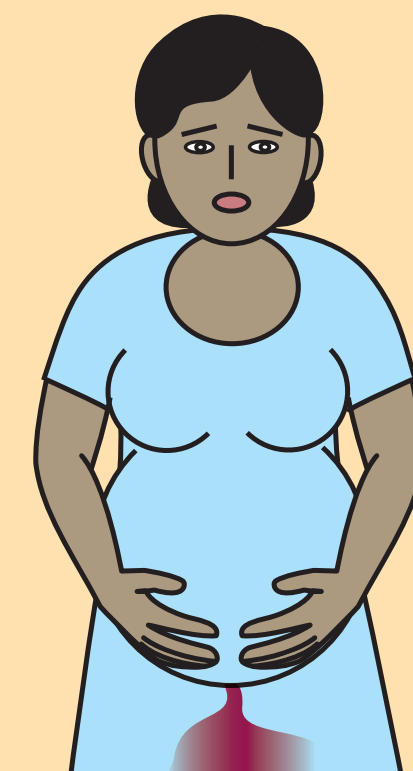
Preterm labor (PTL)



Preterm pre-labor rupture of membranes (PPROM)



Severe pre-eclampsia



Antenatal hemorrhage



Monitor mother and fetus; continue maternal care



Counsel woman on PTB care options

24 < 32 weeks

If delivery expected within 24 hours

Offer MgSO₄

24 < 34 weeks

34 < 37 weeks

+
For PTL

Consider nifedipine

If given dexamethasone and if not given MgSO₄

+
For PPROM

erythromycin

+
For severe pre-eclampsia

Continue MgSO₄

See HMS PE/E module

+
For antenatal hemorrhage

Determine cause and manage hemorrhage

For PPROM

Consider erythromycin or delivery

Monitor frequently
Mother and fetus stable?

Stable

Ensure follow-up doses

Prepare for PTB

See HBS Essential Care for Small Babies

Monitor outcomes to improve care

Not Stable
**Stabilize;
consider
delivery**

Within 1 hr

Follow protocol for continuing care