Poster Presentation

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Laboring Down during Epidural Infusion

Research

- Randomized-Clinical Trial
- Nulliparous women,
 continuous-standard dose of
 an epidural infusion, 2nd
 stage of labor
- Fetal age > 36 weeks;Maternal age > 16 years
- Decreased pushing time by 27 %
- Decreased use of instrument-use
- Decreased maternal exhaustion

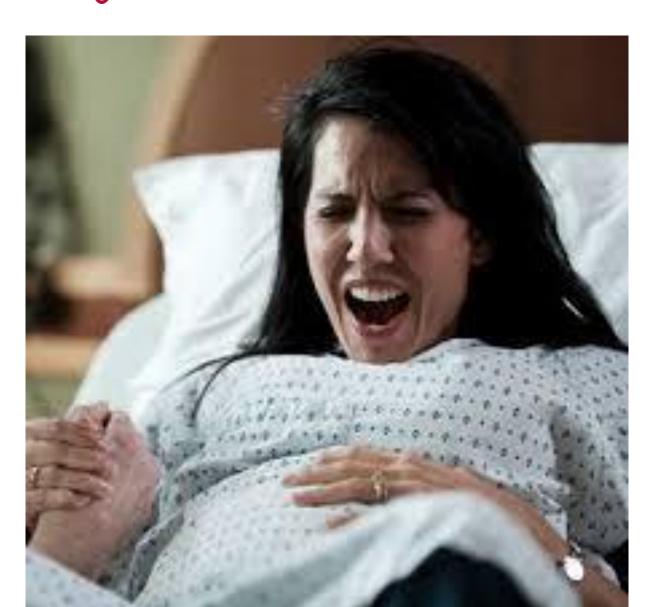
Implications

- The length of active pushing
- The length of the 2nd stage of labor
- Maternal satisfaction
- Maternal fatigue related to immediate pushing

Problems

No differences were
 noted in cesarean rates,
 perineal injuries, and
 episiotomies





Laboring Down or Pushing in 2nd Stage of Labor...

"What is the effect of pushing in the 2nd stage of labor, as compared to laboring down in the 2nd stage of labor?"

RESEARCH

"What is the effect of pushing in the 2nd stage of labor as compared to laboring down in the 2nd stage of labor"
(Prinns, Boxem, Lucas, & Hutton, 2011)

"Pushing and bearing down methods for the second stage of labour" (Lemos, et al., 2015)

"Effects of a pushing intervention on pain, fatigue and birthing experiences among Taiwanese women during the second stage of labour" (Chang, et al., 2011)

IMPLICATIONS

- Systematic Review
- 425 women
- Spontaneous pushing
- Valsalva pushing
- Quasi- Randomized
- 815 women
- 2879 woman
- **Direct/Spontaneous**
- Quasi -experimental
- 20 women
- Spontaneous/Direct pushing
- VAS scale
- **Pain**

RESULTS

- 57 minutes Valsalva
- 121.4 minutes spontaneous
- Urge to void
- 5 minutes less, direct
- 54 minutes less, direct
- Low pH with spontaneous
- Less pain with direct
- Spontaneous, less time
- Questionable positioning
- Further evaluation

Spontaneous pushing or laboring down versus the Valsalva or direct pushing method

- Both Posters provide substantial evidence based practice
- Benefits to both methods
- Presenters having obstetric background
- Conclusion
 - ✓ Utilize both methods in correlation to nurse and provider judgement per case scenario.



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