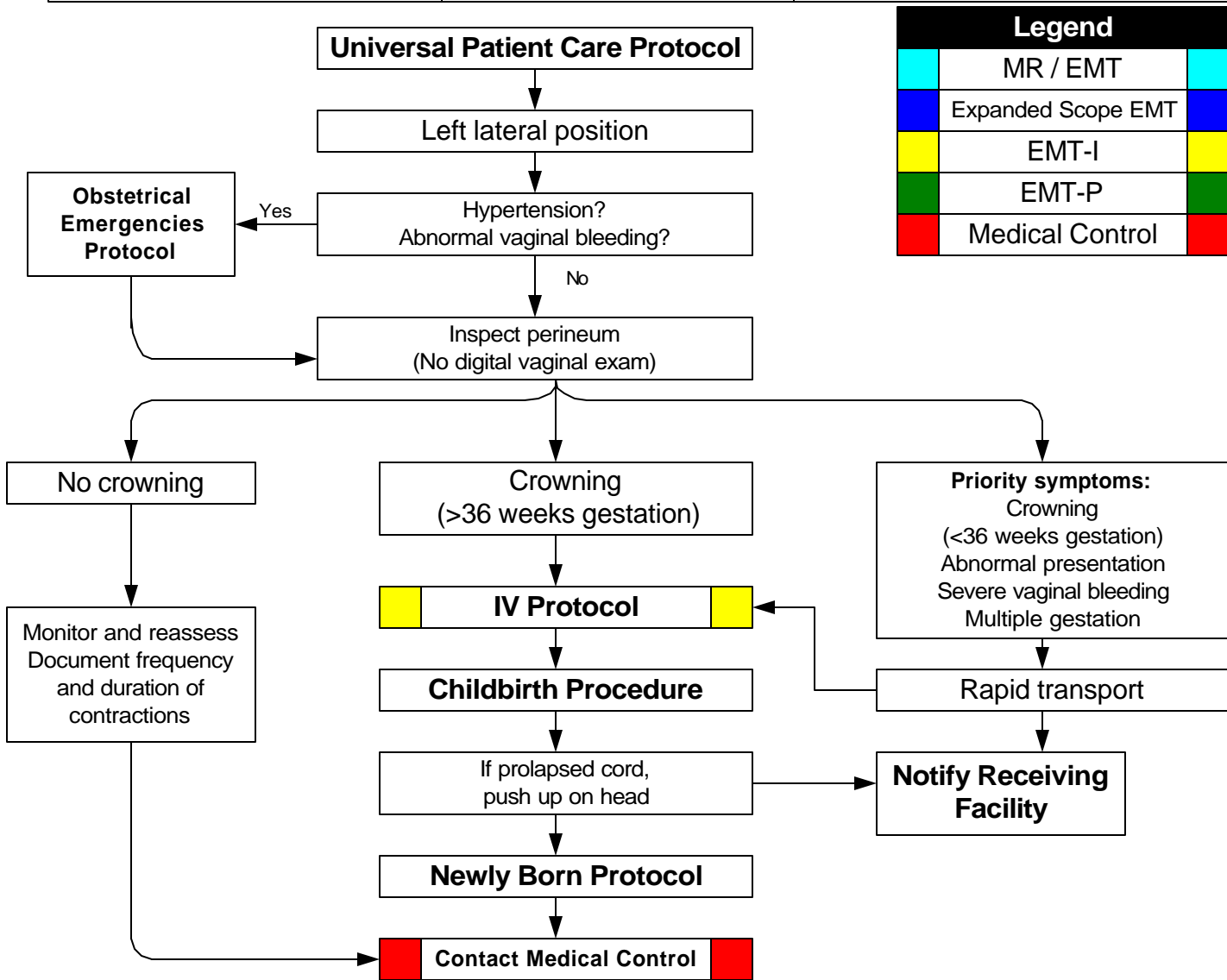


# FORSYTH COUNTY EMS Pediatric and OB Protocols

## Childbirth / Labor

<b>History:</b> * Due date * Time contractions started / how often * Rupture of membranes * Time / amount of any vaginal bleeding * Sensation of fetal activity * Past medical and delivery history * Medications	<b>Signs and Symptoms:</b> * Spasmodic pain * Vaginal discharge or bleeding * Crowning or urge to push * Meconium	<b>Differential:</b> * <b>Abnormal presentation</b> Buttock Foot Hand * <b>Prolapsed cord</b> * <b>Placenta previa</b> * <b>Abruptio placenta</b>
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**Pearls:**

- \* **Exam (of Mother): Mental Status, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Neuro**
- \* Document all times (delivery, contraction frequency, and length)
- \* If maternal seizures occur, refer to the Obstetrical Emergencies Protocol.
- \* After delivery, massaging the uterus (lower abdomen) will promote uterine contraction and help to control post-partum bleeding.
- \* Some perineal bleeding is normal with any childbirth. Large quantities of blood or free bleeding are abnormal.