

PLACENTA PREVIA

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

1. Painless vaginal bleeding during the 2nd or 3rd trimester
2. Signs and symptoms of shock

OBTAIN HISTORY OF:

1. Painless vaginal bleeding during the 2nd & 3rd trimester
2. Past C-section delivery
3. Placenta Previa in current or past deliveries
4. Time and amount of bleeding
5. Color of blood and any clots present
6. Prenatal care

PRECAUTIONS:

1. As a general rule, cases of painless vaginal bleeding in the 2nd or 3rd trimester should be considered placenta previa.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CARE:

1. Maintain universal blood and body substance precautions
2. Administer high flow oxygen
3. Keep patient warm
4. Place patient in left lateral recumbent position
5. Monitor vital signs at least every 5 minutes
6. EMT with IV training - start large bore IV (s) and if symptomatic, infuse 500-1000 ml of normal saline and recheck vital signs

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CARE: In addition to above and as appropriate:

1. Contact Medical Control Physician for possible Magnesium Sulfate orders.