

ABRUPTIO PLACENTAE

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

1. Vaginal bleeding
2. Contractions
3. Severe tearing sensation
4. Firm and tender abdomen
5. S & S of shock
6. S & S of fetal distress including ↓ movement
7. Ruptured membranes > 24 hours

OBTAIN HISTORY OF:

1. Trauma
2. Assault/abuse
3. Prenatal care
4. Hx of placenta previa
5. Hypertension
6. Cocaine, tobacco or alcohol use
7. Amount and color of blood and if clots present

PRECAUTIONS:

1. External vaginal bleeding is not always visible

BASIC AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CARE:

1. Maintain universal blood and body substance precautions
2. Ensure open airway and adequate ventilations – Apply high flow oxygen
3. Treat for shock - Keep patient warm
4. Place 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 S&S of shock infuse 500 – 1000 cc N.S.