

DEFINITIONS		Source
Term	1) Definition- 37-42 completed weeks. 2) Early Term 37+0-38+6 (Clark)	1) WHO 2) Clark
Labor	The onset of regular painful uterine contractions associated with effacement and dilation of the cervix	ibid
Latent phase of Labor	From the onset of regular uterine contractions to the beginning of the active phase	Creasy & Resnick's Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Active phase of Labor	From the time at which the rate of cervical dilation begins to change rapidly (usually at about 3 to 4 cm of dilation) to full dilation	ibid
Labor Induction	Medical, surgical or mechanical means of stimulation of uterine contractions in order to achieve vaginal delivery prior to the spontaneous onset of labor.	Guidelines for Perinatal Care (AAP, ACOG)
Augmentation	Refers to the stimulation of uterine contractions when spontaneous contractions have failed to result in progressive cervical dilation or descent of the fetus. Add Pete's local knowledge	ACOG Practice bulletin
Determination of Gestational Age	Menstrual dating from first day of LMP (First day of LMP accurately known, with known regular cycles (at least 3 cycles 28+4 days), not recently on hormonal contraception). If accurate menstrual dating is available and an ultrasound is performed, the menstrual dating should be within 7 days of a first trimester ultrasound (6-12 weeks) or within 10 days of an ultrasound performed up to 20 completed weeks. If accurate menstrual dating is not available, gestational age should be determined by as early an ultrasound as possible between estimated 6 and 20 weeks and this dating should be used regardless of its comparison to menstrual dating.	ACOG Practice bulletin (modified)
Estimated Fetal Weight (EFW)	EFW may be performed by clinical or ultrasound assessment.	Several references
Pelvic examination		
Normal Fetal Status	Catgory I Fetal heart rate assessment.	NICHD Fetal Monitoring Guidelines, 2008
Tachysystole	Greater than 5 contractions in a 10 minute period, averaged over 30 minutes.	NICHD Fetal Monitoring Guidelines, 2008
Bishop Score	(Original) A 13 point scale that evaluates the risk of failed labor induction and/or cesarean section with induction of labor.	Bishop EH. Obstet Gynecol 1964.
Post Dates	294 or more days (42 completed weeks) from a well documented LMP.	Creasy & Resnick's Maternal-Fetal Medicine