

Suggestions for documentation

These suggestions for documentation are a guide only and do not replace your local guidance on documentation.

Please note that for brevity, the term *woman* has been used throughout the action cards.

We recognise that not all birthing people will identify as a woman and as such we wished to explain why the term *woman* has been used.

Anaesthetic regional anaesthesia Action performed	Time performed (if applicable)
Anaesthetic assistant called	
Anaesthetic assistant arrived	
Anaesthetist called	
Anaesthetist arrived	
Woman arrived in theatre	
Epidural top up commenced	
Spinal commenced	
Spinal drugs given	
Regional anaesthesia abandoned	
Anaesthetic ready	

Anaesthetic general anaesthesia Action performed	Time performed
Anaesthetic assistant called	
Anaesthetic assistant arrived	
Anaesthetist called	
Anaesthetist arrived	
Woman arrived in theatre	
Decision for GA made	
Induction	
Intubation	
Anaesthetic ready	

Instrumental birth Action performed	Time performed (if applicable)
Decision for trial of instrumental birth	
Ventouse placed	
Number and duration of pulls	
Forceps placed	
Number and duration of pulls	
Manoeuvres attempted	
Fetal HR throughout (via CTG)	
Neonatal team informed (when applicable)	
Birth	
Decision for Caesarean Birth (specify category)	

Caesarean birth transfer to theatre	Time performed

Action performed	
Decision for Caesarean Birth (specify category)	
Anaesthetist informed	
Theatre team informed	
Neonatal team informed	
Woman left ward / labour room	
Woman arrived in theatre	

Emergency caesarean birth	Time performed
Action performed	
Abdomen prepped	
Skin incision	
Uterotomy	
Birth	
Placenta removed	
End of surgery	

Unexpected need for newborn resuscitation	Time performed
Action performed	
Neonatal team called	
Neonatal team attended	
Time to heart rate above 100	
Time to first gasp	
1, 5 and 10 minute Apgar scores	

Post birth instructions
Allow at least 60 seconds deferred cord clamping unless immediate neonatal resuscitation is required
Take paired umbilical cord gases
Debrief parents
Debrief staff
Submit critical incident form

Support for birthing partner
Name of allocated midwife / nurse
Record of debrief with birthing partner