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KEY MESSAGES OF THE WEEK

Cord Prolapse:

- If the head is not fixed and free please consider using theatre to perform the controlled ARM
- Please ensure the MDT are aware that the ARM is being performed and are available if required

A woman required an ARM during the induction process, when performing a vaginal examination the head was found to be ballotable. An ARM was performed and a cord prolapse occurred, a CAT 1 LSCS was performed.

Medication Rounds:

- Please ensure regular medication rounds are carried out
- If analgesia is declined/not given please use the appropriate code on the prescription chart
- If a medication round is delayed please escalate for support to carry it out in a timely manner

On day 2 following an emergency LSCS a woman was complaining of severe pain it was noted on review that she had only received 4 paracetamol and 800g of Ibuprofen following the LSCS

Symphysis fundal height measurements:

- Ensure that fundal height measurements are carried out every 2-3weeks and not more regularly
- Ensure the SFH is plotted accurately, check and double check!

Stretch and sweep was appropriately carried out at the end of pregnancy but at each visit a fundal height measurement was carried out which was not necessary and does not fall in line with the perinatal institute guidance.