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Tähis:	Vorm

AUGMENTATION OF LABOUR

Informed consent form

*Patient name
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Purpose is to increase the intensity of uterine contractions in order to avoid prolonged labour. Prolonged labour is caused by inadequate contractions. Augmentation is also used to avoid an infection in case of premature rupture of membranes when spontaneous contractions will not start in 12 hours.

Inadequate contractions may be caused by:

- Over stretched uterus (twins, triplets, polyhydramnion, macrosomia)
- Epidural anesthesia
- “Tired” uterine muscle during long and insufficient labour
- Stiffness of the cervix

Different methods for augmentation of labour:

- Amniotomy
- Using medications: prostaglandins (Prostenon) and Misoprostol or Oxytocin, which will be administered locally into the vagina or through intravenously (i/v) or orally.

The doctor will recommend the method depending on the situation.

Possible risks (very rare):

- The intensity of labour will not increase.
- Hyperstimulation: too frequent and painful uterine contractions. In that case uterine relaxants are used or speed of stimulating (i/v) medication will be decreased.
- Ineffective augmentation of labour may end with a caesarean section.

The indication of your augmentation of labour is:

I am advised and I agree with the augmentation of labour:

Patient _____
(First and last name, personal identification code) (Signature)

Physician _____
(First and last name, impression of seal, signature)

Date _____