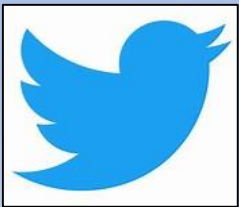


Cord Prolapse

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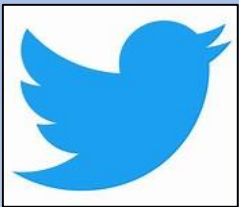


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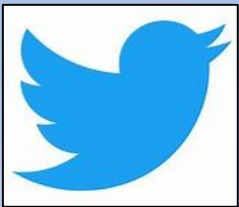
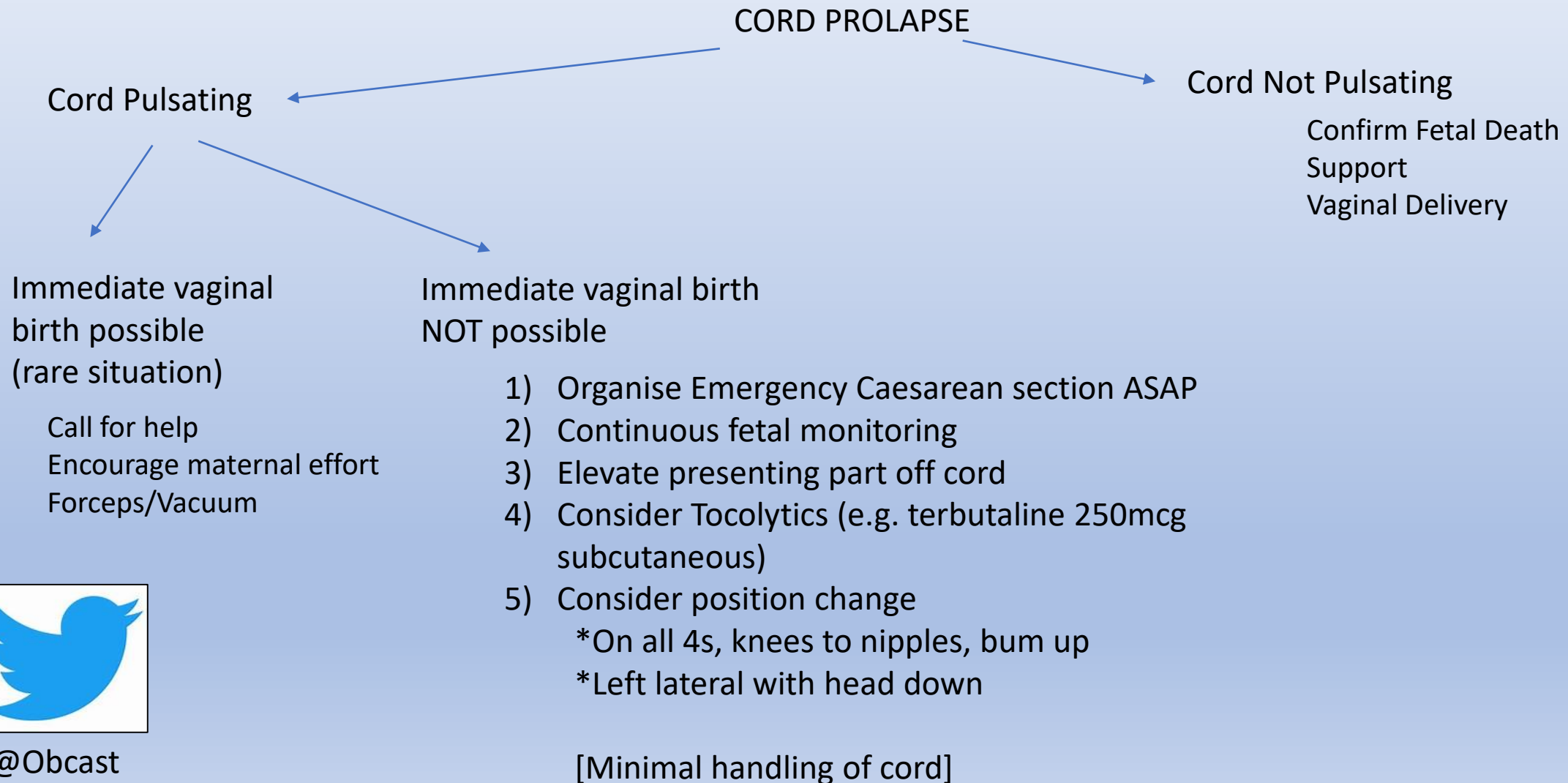
- ~ 1 in 500 pregnancies
- Cord prolapse = cord below presenting part + membranes ruptured
 - Can be occult
 - Different to 'cord presentation' = cord below presenting part, but membranes intact
 - One of the main reasons for an examination and/or fetal heart check after ROM
- Usually occurs when presenting part doesn't fit well into maternal pelvis
 - Often iatrogenic



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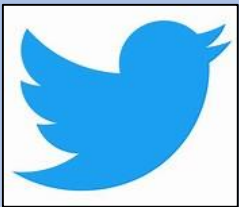


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- Rare, but life-threatening to neonate
- Always check fetal well-being post-ROM
- If it occurs in the ED
 - Is baby alive?
 - Call for help
 - Treatment = Emergency Caesarean Section
 - Elevate presenting part off cord
 - Tocolysis
 - Change maternal position
 - Minimal cord handling

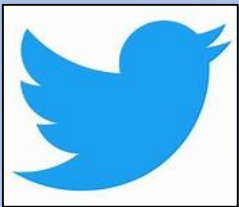


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