

PROCEDURE: Cerclage Removal/Placement: Assistance with

PURPOSE: To delineate the nursing care of the patient undergoing either cerclage placement or removal.

POLICY: 1. Cerclage placement will be performed in the delivery room or the operating room.

2. Cerclage removal will also be performed in either the delivery room or the birthing or labor room at the discretion of the physician.

EQUIPMENT:

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| Placement: | Removal: |
| Vaginal delivery pack | Vaginal delivery pack |
| Cerclage set | Cerclage set |
| #1 Surgipro or | |
| 5mm Merselene | |
| Suction tubing | |
| Vaginal prep kit | |
| Optional: Foley catheter #16 & urometer | |
| Piston syringe | |

PROCEDURE:

| <u>ACTION</u> | <u>POINTS OF EMPHASIS</u> |
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| 1. Place patient in lithotomy position. | 1. Refer to protocol: Lithotomy Position |
| 2. Perform vaginal prep. | 2. Refer to procedure: Care of Patient During Vaginal Delivery |
| 3. Open cerclage casket using sterile technique. | 3. Refer to protocol: Aseptic Technique |
| 4. Assist physicians as needed in obtaining any other equipment. | 4. a. <u>Cerclage removal:</u> No surgical assistance is needed. b. <u>Cerclage placement:</u> If physicians want to fill bladder, they will need Foley catheter, Piston syringe and urometer. |

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