# CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE PRECLAMPSIA

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#### POTENTIAL BENEFIT

- Advance gestational age
- Less days in NICU
- Less fetal complications
  - Respiratory distress
  - NEC

#### **GESTATIONAL AGE TO BEGIN**

| GESTATIONAL AGE (weeks) | SURVIVAL    |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <23 0/7                 | 0/34 (0%)   |
| 23 0/7                  | 4/22 (18%)  |
| 24 0/7                  | 15/26 (58%) |

#### MATERNAL EVALUATION

- VS & urine output
- Symptoms
- Contractions, abdominal pain or bleeding
- CBC, LFT's, serum creatinine

## FETAL EVALUATION

- NST with contraction monitoring
- Amniotic fluid assessment
- Growth ultrasound every 2 weeks

### INITIAL MANAGEMENT

- Observe on L and D
- Steroids
- Magnesium
- Anti-hypertensive medication
- Maternal evaluation
- Fetal evaluation

## CONTRAINDICATIONS TO EXPECTANT MANAGEMENT

- Eclampsia
- Pulmonary edema
- DIC
- Uncontrollable severe HTN
- Abnormal fetal testing
- Abruptio placentae
- Fetal demise

#### DELIVERY AFTER CORTICOSTEROIDS

- >33 6/7 weeks
- Persistent symptoms
- HELLP
- Fetal growth restriction (<5<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Severe oligo
- Reversed EDF
- Labor or PROM
- Significant renal dysfunction

#### EXPECTANT MANAGEMENT

- Adequate maternal & neonatal resources
- Inpatient only
- Stop magnesium
- VS, symptoms, and lab monitoring
- Oral antihypertensive drugs

#### ABANDON EXPECTANT MANAGEMENT

- 34 0/7 weeks
- New onset contraindications
- Worsening maternal labs
- Abnormal fetal testing
- Labor or PROM
- Uncontrolled hypertension on meds

#### MODE OF DELIVERY

| GESTATIONAL AGE (weeks) | CESAREAN DELIVERY |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <28                     | 93-97%            |
| 28-32                   | 53-65%            |
| 32-34                   | 31-38%            |

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