NORMAL LABOR AND DELIVERY /MANAGEMENT OF LABOR (lecture)*

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand the normal mechanisms of labor.
2. Know the possible presentations & positions of a fetus during labor.
3. Become familiar with the standard management of normal labor & delivery.
4. Describe initial assessment of laboring patient (exam, laboratory studies, monitoring)
5. Demonstrate knowledge of techniques used to monitor mother and fetus during labor
6. Understand basics of interpretation of fetal monitoring strips, including both reactive strip and characterization of decelerations
7. Understand the definitions and causes for protracted labor
8. Describe indications, contraindications and prerequisites for operative delivery
9. Know basic indications, contraindications & methodology of labor induction.