

Shared Decision-Making Outline – Emergency IV Placement

- ❖ A discussion would have happened prenatally about the reasons for emergency IV placement
- ❖ Speak calmly and apologize for the sudden change in plans
- ❖ Explain why the IV needs to be placed
 - ☐ Excessive bleeding
- ❖ Go over pros and cons simply and quickly
 - ☐ IV
 - Pros
 - Fluids to stabilize blood pressure
 - Replace lost blood volume
 - Reduce risk of shock
 - Reduce likelihood of transfer
 - If transfer necessary, IV already in place for fluids and meds
 - Cons
 - Not what client wants
 - Uncomfortable
 - ☐ NO IV
 - Pros
 - Honors client's original desire
 - No discomfort
 - Cons
 - BP may drop to dangerous level
 - Blood volume could get dangerously low
 - Possibility of shock
 - Possibility of emergency transfer
 - Possibility of death
- ❖ Remind client about prenatal discussion on this subject
- ❖ Ask for permission to proceed
 - ☐ If YES
 - Continue placing IV
 - ☐ If NO
 - Ask midwife for assistance or clarification on what to do next and how to proceed
- ❖ Reassure client that IV will be removed as soon as no longer medically necessary
- ❖ Thank them for understanding and cooperating/ or tell them you respect their decision to decline
- ❖ Information from the following sources:
 - ☐ University of Rochester Medical Center. (2021). Health encyclopedia: Postpartum hemorrhage. [Postpartum Hemorrhage - Health Encyclopedia - University of Rochester Medical Center](#)
 - ☐ Children's Wisconsin. (2021). Postpartum hemorrhage. [Postpartum hemorrhage | Causes, symptoms & treatment | Children's Wisconsin \(childrenswi.org\)](#)