Practice Guideline: [Title]

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Clinical Definition

Briefly describe the signs and symptoms indicating that this condition warrants attention or management.

Example for a practice guideline for neonatal respiratory distress:

Neonate exhibits persistent tachypnea, cyanosis, grunting, nasal flaring, retractions.

Midwifery Management

Describe succinctly the most important management points. Some language that may be helpful:

- "as appropriate"
- "as clinical judgment indicates"
- "as time allows"
- "if birth not imminent"
- "evaluation may include"
- "management may include"
- "appropriate lab tests" (instead of listing specific tests)
- "appropriate medications" (instead of listing specific meds)
- "nutritional counseling" (instead of specific recommendations)
- "not necessarily in this order"

Example:

Midwifery management may include (not necessarily in this order):

- Clearing the airway
- Stimulation
- Administering blow-by oxygen
- Warming the infant as indicated
- PPV

Midwife's Practice Name, Logo, Contact Info

Consultation and Referral Criteria

Outline when consultation or transport is recommended or required.

Example:

Consult or transfer if:

- Signs/symptoms of infection are present
- · Condition deteriorates
- Condition persists despite treatment

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