Uterine massage after

delivery



Introduction

• Palpation of the uterus during the post-natal period forms part of the daily post natal examination. It provide information on involution by assessing the height, position and tone of the uterus, in conjunction with other factors such as lochia loss per vagina.

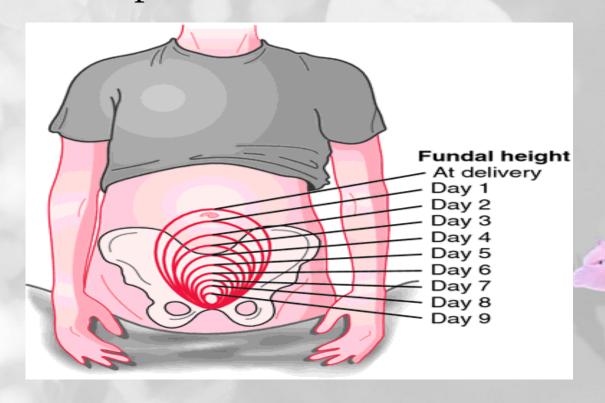
Definition of uterine massage

• It is the tactile examination of the woman's abdomen (abdominal palpation) during the immediate postpartum period.



- 1. Improve circulation and encourage muscle contraction of the uterus.
- 2. prevent the uterus from becoming boggy and soft.
- 3. Prevent post-partum hemorrhage.

- 4. Detect fundal level.
- 5. Reposition the uterus after labor and evaluate the involution process.



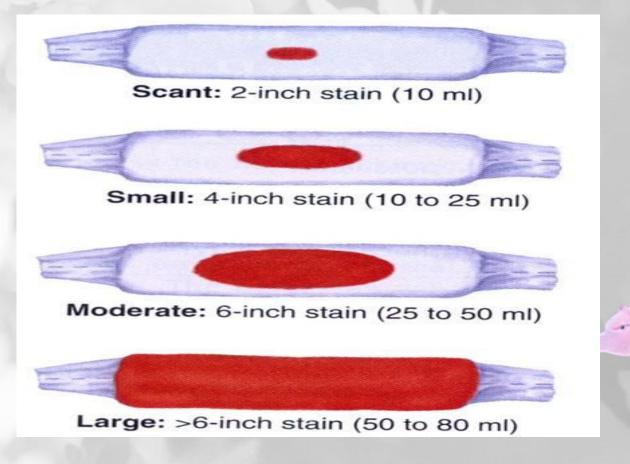
6. Assess lochia.



> Type of lochia:

LOCHIA	Rubra	Serosa	Alba
Normal Color	Dark Red	Pink, brown	Yellowish- white
Normal Duration	1-3 days	3-10 days	10-14 days, Can be longer
Normal COMPOSITION	Bloody clots	Blood, mucus	Mostly musus

- 6. Assess lochia.
- Amount of lochia:



Getting Ready

Prepare the necessary equipment

Clean gloves



•Sterile perineal pad



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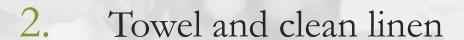




Prepare the necessary equipment

Perineal care equipment:

1. Mackintosh



3. Bedpan

4. Kidney basin







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•Perineal care equipment:

5. Iodine ball



6. sterile cotton sponges

7. Sterile forceps





Steps of procedure



1. Hand washing



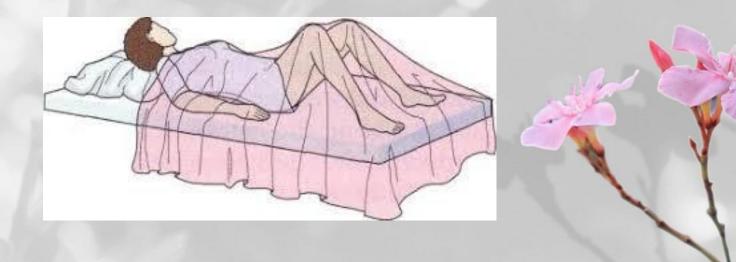
- 2. Explain the procedure to the woman and obtain her consent
- 3. Protect the woman from drafts and keep her privacy.
- 4. Ask the mother to empty the bladder before initiating the

procedure

5. wear clean gloves.



6. Place the mother in a dorsal recumbent position



7. Expose the woman's abdomen.

8. lower the old perineal pads to observe lochia as the fundus is palpated.



- 9. Place the non-dominant hand above the symphysis pubis.
- 10. Begin gently palpation at the umbilicus by using the flat part of the fingers of the dominant hand until the fundus is located.



- 11. Measure by finger breadth how far the fundus from the umbilicus.
- 12. Determine its size, position and consistency.
- 13. Gently massage the fundus in circle motion, if the fundus is soft or boggy until the fundus is firm.

14. Put new perineal pad after performing perineal care.

15. Recover the abdomen, assisting the woman to a comfortable position.

16. Wash hands

17. Document:-

- The tone and the location of the fundus.
- Type and amount of lochia.



