

| Active Management | Physiological Management of the Third Stage |
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| Routine use of a uterotonic drug given with the delivery of the anterior shoulder | No routine use of uterotonic drugs |
| Deferred clamping and cutting of the cord | No clamping of the cord until pulsation has stopped |
| Controlled cord traction after signs of separation of the placenta | Delivery of placenta by maternal effort |
| Shortens the third stage compared to physiological management | Only to be considered with the very low risk women |

