

POST-TEST

ICEA POSITION PAPER: WATER BIRTH

1. *The optimum time for a laboring woman to enter water for labor progress and relaxation is:*
 - a. 7-10 cm (Transition).
 - b. 1-3 cm (Early).
 - c. As soon as contractions begin.
 - d. 3-5 cm (Active).

2. *Water labor is a comfort measure that:*
 - a. stimulates secretion of endorphins.
 - b. activates touch fibers to decrease the perception of pain.
 - c. reduces stress hormones that can inhibit the release of oxytocin.
 - d. all of the above

3. *The nerves that stimulate the baby's first breath are:*
 - a. maxofacial
 - b. intercostal
 - c. trigeminal
 - d. posterior pulmonic

4. *Relaxation from water labor is achieved by:*
 - a. hydrostatic pressure
 - b. buoyancy
 - c. increase in catecholamines.
 - d. A & B

5. *The recommended temperature for waterbirth water is:*
 - a. colder than body temperature to provide a numbing sensation.
 - b. close to body temperature.
 - c. 20° warmer than body temperature to relax muscles.
 - d. varies by hospital policy.

6. *Contraindications to water labor and water birth are:*
 - a. ruptured membranes.
 - b. GBS, VBAC, EFM
 - c. epidurals, monitoring, induction.
 - d. both b and c.

7. *Benefits of hydrotherapy include:*
 - a. increase maternal movement.
 - b. reduction in length of labor.
 - c. decrease in pain.
 - d. all of the above.

8. *Indications that there has been cord avulsion during a water birth are:*

- a. extreme maternal abdominal pain.
- b. sudden change of color of the water due to gush of blood.
- c. sudden release of cord tension.
- d. b & c

9. *This hydrotherapy advocate found that not only does immersion in water increased endorphin secretion but also anticipatory feeling of pain relief does this also.*

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10. *A shortened length of labor with water labor is due to:*

- a. reduction of muscle tension.
- b. Gate Control Theory.
- c. ease of movement to facilitate Cardinal Movements.
- d. all of the above.

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