## **Assisted Delivery Discussion Aid**

Use this aid in team discussions about assisted vaginal delivery or C-section. Assisting delivery may be appropriate if your condition meets these criteria, but **discuss with your team what is best for you and your baby** (see Labor Support Guide for options).

What are your reasons for considering assisted delivery?		What are the MINIMUM conditions for assisted delivery?
МОМ	Request	You believe that operative delivery is the best option for you after discussion with your care team
ВАВУ	Concerns about wellbeing	<ul> <li>On-going slow heart rate OR</li> <li>Far away from delivery with either:</li> <li>Repeated slow downs in heart rate that do not improve with support</li> <li>High heart rate that does not improve with support</li> </ul>
PROGRESS	Slow induction	Either:  ☐ Early labor (4 cm or less) for 24 hours or more  ☐ Medications to support contractions and waters broken for 15 hours or more
	Slow progress	No cervical change with waters broken and 6 cm or more dilated with either:  Good contractions for 4 hours or more  Medications to support contractions for 6 hours or more
	Prolonged pushing without progress	Either:  ☐ Pushing for at least 3 hours if this is your first labor ☐ Pushing for at least 2 hours if you have labored before



