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VAGINAL BLEEDING



**NOTES:**

- Some perineal bleeding is normal with any childbirth. **Large quantities of blood > 500 ml or free bleeding are abnormal.**
  - Traumatic tears of the perineum/vagina should be controlled by direct pressure over the laceration.
  - Never pack nonvisualized vaginal or rectal bleeding, unless directed to by online medical control.
- Common Causes of Vaginal Bleeding
  - Non-pregnancy related: uterine fibroids, dysfunctional uterine bleeding
  - <20 weeks: Miscarriage
  - >20 weeks/Peripartum: Abruptio Placenta (Placental Abruption) = Painful, Placenta Previa = Painless
  - Postpartum: Uterine Atony (most common) - generally due to prolonged labor or multiple gestations.