

## **Figure 18. Elements to include in a preoperative note for assisted vaginal deliveries**

→ Date and time

### From the mother:

- Assessment of the maternal pelvis (bony and soft tissues)
- Evaluation of adequacy of analgesia or plans for one

### From the fetus:

- Assessment of the fetal well-being including description of findings and interpretation of the electronic fetal monitoring
- Assessment of the fetal position, flexion, synclitism, station and presence and degree of the plastic phenomena of the fetal head (caput succedaneum, molding and overlapping of the fetal skull sutures)
- Assessment of the fetal size (clinically or by ultrasound)

### From the delivery process:

- Assessment of the mechanism of labor and its progress
- Indication for assisted delivery

### From the assessment and plan:

- Options offered to the family or patient and alternative plan for delivery
- Ancillary personnel informed of plan of delivery (Nursing, Anesthesia and Neonatology)
- Decision of the couple (assent to proceed with plan as presented to them)