

CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR THE OB UNIT

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Meconium Happens

(To the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen")

We hoped her fluid would be clear on amniotomy.
But particulate pea soup is what instead we see.
Could this be from fetal distress or postmaturity?
Oh meconium fluid is so green
What can it mean?
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The neonatal resident arrived to save the day
Tubed the vigorous baby, suctioned till the kid turned gray
He suctioned till he vaged baby's Apgar scores away
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Contraction Action

(To the tune of "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear")

When premature delivery
Seems likely to occur
Establish IV Access and fetal monitor.
Consider tocolysis and fibronectin too;
Infuse her with magnesium or labor will ensue.

It turns out she and her husband enjoyed a romantic tryst:
A night in the Jacuzzi suite that she could not resist.
And so began contractions that dilate and efface
And her postcoital afterglow with EFM in place!

Inject the betamethasone and give terbutaline.
Culture her for STDs and do a urine screen.
But her cervix is thick and closed and hard as cinderblocks.
The salvos of contractions were
Romantic aftershocks!

Rita, the Red-Haired Primip

(To the tune of "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer")

Rita, the red-haired primip
She was 38 and two
Thought it was active labor
When she had a cramp or two.
All of the other ladies
Tolerated pregnancy
Rita the red-haired primip
Caterwauled in agony!

Then one day at 40 weeks, Rita called to say
"Now my pains are coming fast;
Now I'm laboring at last!"

Then she's complete and pushing
Epidural served her well-
But she's a red haired primip
So she had a thousand EBL!

Swirly

(To the tune of "Away in a Manger")

Precipitous labor, no time for a bed.
She started to push on the toilet instead.
And without much ado, she gave birth on the John
Her babe bore a stigma from that moment on!
(At least, when his siblings found out!)



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