

Perinatal Quality Foundation
Fetal Monitoring Credentialing Examination
Scope and Objectives

The content of the Perinatal Quality Foundation Fetal Monitoring Credentialing (FMC) examination is consistent with the scope and standards discussed in the documents listed below:

1. Macones GA, Hankins GD, Spong CY, Hauth J, Moore T. *The 2008 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development workshop report on electronic fetal monitoring: update on definitions, interpretation, and research guidelines*. *Obstet Gynecol* 2008; 112:661-6.
2. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Intrapartum Heart Rate Monitoring: nomenclature, interpretation, and general management principles; ACOG practice bulletin no. 106*. *Obstet Gynecol* 2009; 114:192-202.
3. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Management of intrapartum fetal heart rate tracings: ACOG practice bulletin no. 116*. *Obstet Gynecol* 2010;116:1232-40.
4. *Fetal Heart Monitoring: Principles and Practices*, 4th Edition. Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AHWONN), 2009.

More information about script based concordance testing (SCT) may be found in these documents.

5. Charlin B, Van der Vleuten C. Standardized assessment of reasoning in contexts of uncertainty: the script concordance approach. *Evaluation & the Health Professions* 2004; 27(3):304-319.
6. Meterissian S, Zabolotny B, Gagnon R, & Charlin B. Is the script concordance test a valid instrument for assessment of intraoperative decision-making skills? *Am J Surg* 2007; 193(2):248-251.

The learning objectives (LO) for the examination are listed below. The examination contains traditional knowledge and SCT questions for each objective.

- LO1.** Identify components and categorization of an FHR tracing using the 2008 NICHD guidelines.
- LO2.** Characterize the trend of a Category II tracing and assess the risk involved in associated clinical situations.
- LO3.** Evaluate the impact of the chosen management intervention for the Category II FHR tracing.
- LO4.** Assess the risk of the clinical situation involving a Category III FHR tracing.
- LO5.** Evaluate the impact of the chosen management intervention for the Category III FHR tracing.