MANAGEMENT OF MECONIUM AT DELIVERY

All babies born through meconium stained liquor have not aspirated meconium

Assessment – Crying and vigorous

- No suction – Suctioning of nose and mouth of unborn baby, while head is still on perineum, is not recommended.
- Routine newborn care
- Give to parents
- Skin to skin contact
- Keep warm

Screaming babies have an open airway: leave them alone

Assessment – No breathing, Poor tone
Floppy babies :-HAVE A LOOK

- Floppy baby with heart rate >60/min
  - Endotracheal suctioning via suction catheter or ET tube (if connector available)

- Direct laryngoscopy
  - Introduce suction catheter into trachea
  - Switch on the suction
  - Withdraw the catheter

- Direct laryngoscopy
  - ETT intubation
  - Apply suction catheter onto ETT
  - Switch on the suction
  - Withdraw the ETT

- Floppy baby with heart rate <60/min
  - Rapidly inspect oropharynx to clear potential obstructions (NOT tracheal suctioning)
  - Bag and mask ventilation in neutral position with jaw thrust
  - Low threshold for intubation if skilled person available and baby not improving

DO NOT PERFORM NORMAL SALINE STOMACH WASHOUTS ROUTINELY