

Table 7. Barriers to Supporting Intended Vaginal Birth

Recognition and Prevention: Barriers to Supporting Intended Vaginal Birth
1. Lack of institutional support for the safe reduction of routine obstetric interventions
2. Admission in latent (early) labor without a medical indication
3. Inadequate labor support
4. Few choices to manage pain and improve coping during labor
5. Overuse of continuous fetal monitoring in low-risk women
6. Underutilization of the current treatment and prevention guidelines for potentially modifiable conditions (e.g. breech presentation and recurrent genital herpes simplex virus)