After having her epidural placed and bolused with medication the mother has a severe hypotensive episode with accompanying fetal heart rate deceleration. This led to a C-sect.

*(There’s a potential twist here – so, think about it for a minute - R)*

How would you code this?

**Indications for C-section**

\_\_\_ Unknown

Select all that apply

\_\_\_ Failure to Progress \_X\_ Fetus at Risk (NRFHT) \_\_\_ Malpresentation

\_\_\_ Refused VBAC \_\_\_ Previous C-sect \_\_\_ Elective

\_\_\_Maternal Cond. (Preg. Related) \_\_\_Maternal Cond. (Not Preg. Related) \_\_\_ Other

The *twist*. Hypotension is fairly normal with epidural placement and is dealt with by giving a little medication, added fluid and time. Only the baby created the need for a C-sect not the mother. Therefore the only thing coded should be ‘Fetus at Risk”. I spoke with Dr. G. about this for confirmation before I sent the scenario out. - R