

Anaesthesia1ST

1st Class Anaesthesia for All Patients

SUMMARY: CAESAREAN SECTIONS PART 2 Pre-anaesthetic management.

THE ANAESTHETIC PROTOCOL SHOULD:

- **Minimise time from induction to delivery of the neonates**
- Allow **rapid recovery** of the dam
- Provide good maternal **analgesia**
- Ensure **high neonate Apgar scores**
- **Allow early suckling** and bonding with the neonate
- Be **multimodal**

PRE-ANAESTHETIC MANAGEMENT

- **Communication** with owner & **informed consent**
- **Team available:** anaesthetists, surgeons, nurses, support personnel
- **Checklists:** AVA & C-section specific
- **Resuscitation protocols** and **emergency drugs** available
- Comprehensive **clinical history** and **physical examination**
- **Considerate handling** to minimise excitement
- **Imaging** if time permits – number and viability of neonates
- **PCV, BUN, creatinine.** Other tests if time permits.
- Consider **antiemetic** administration
- **IV cannulation.** Permits IV fluid therapy, anaesthetic and other drugs can be titrated. Immediate IV access for emergency drugs
- **IV fluid therapy**
- **Pre-oxygenation**
- **Pre-clip and initial surgical prep** if the dam is amenable