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The decision for caesarean birth in the second stage of labour involves balancing the risks and benefits of a) caesarean birth against those of b) an immediate, and potentially difficult, operative vaginal birth or c) expectant management with the expectation of achieving a safer station or position for operative vaginal birth. All options carry some risk, and the decision should be made by an experienced accoucheur, preferably with adequate notice of progress in labour, fetal condition and maternal wishes.















