



SWA POLICY ON NEURAXIAL ANESTHESIA for the THROMBOCYTOPENIC PARTURIENT

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1. The platelet count on admission for delivery must be at least 80K to receive neuraxial anesthesia
2. Platelet counts of 100K and above will be considered safe, barring extraordinary circumstances
3. Platelet counts of 80K to 99K will require a case-by-case risk-benefit analysis by the anesthesiologist at the time of admission for delivery. Factors to consider may include:
 - Concomitant use of anticoagulant or antiplatelet drugs
 - History of a possible bleeding disorder
 - Conditions that may lead to DIC:
 - PIH
 - Preeclampsia
 - Abruptio
 - Fetal demise
 - Findings on H&P:
 - Abnormal airway exam
 - Abnormal lumbar spine exam
 - Bruising