

## **Figure 17. Conditions for operative vaginal deliveries**

1. Full cervical dilatation
2. Membranes ruptured
3. Engagement of the fetal head
4. Head is vertex or mento-anterior
5. Variety of position must be known
6. No disproportion between head size and pelvic size (mid-pelvis)
7. Empty bladder
8. Adequate analgesia
9. Operator familiar with labor course and the clinical assessment of pelvis and fetal size
10. Experienced operator (or supervisor)
11. Knowledge of advantages and techniques of different instruments
12. Operator prepared to abandon procedure
13. Capability of performing a C/S if difficulties encountered

**References:** 20, 50