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DEFINITIONS OF MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS

The pregnancy complications include:

Antepartum hemorrhage: Any vaginal bleeding before labor;

Preeclampsia/eclampsia: Puffy face and [blurred vision or severe headache or high

blood pressure] and /or Convulsions and no fever and no history of convulsions;

Maternal sepsis: Fever and (severe abdominal pain or smelly vaginal discharge);

Maternal anemia: (Severe anemia or pallor and shortness of breath) and (too weak to

get out of bed or fast or difficult breathing);

Gestational Diabetes: Diabetes that started during pregnancy before labor began;

Premature rupture of the membranes: Water broke 6 hours or more before labor began;

Malaria: Convulsions and fever

The labor and delivery complications include the following:

Intrapartum hemorrhage: Excessive bleeding during labor or delivery;

Preeclampsia/eclampsia: same as for pregnancy;

Maternal anemia: same as for pregnancy;

Maternal sepsis: Fever and (severe abdominal pain or smelly vaginal discharge or foul smelling liquor);

Preterm delivery: Less than 9 months;

Prolonged labor: Labor for 12 hours or more;

Malaria: same as for pregnancy.