

Magnesium Note Template

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Need to ask overall how patient is feeling, any shortness of breath, headache, visual disturbances. Also if patient on MgSO₄ for PTL, then ask about contractions, vaginal bleeding or loss of fluid. If on MgSO₄ for preeclampsia need to ask also about nausea or vomiting, and RUQ pain.

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Vital signs (especially important if on MgSO₄ for preeclampsia)

Fetal heart tones, contractions (if any)

Urine output is critical. MgSO₄ should cause diuresis. Comment on UOP

> Over certain period of time (i.e., 400cc over last 4 hours)

General Appearance: can she answer your questions or is too lethargic

Cardiovascular:

Lungs: important to assess for clear (MgSO₄ can cause pulmonary edema)

Abdomen:

Extremities: extremely important to assess DTRs in patellar and achilles

Assess for clonus

Labs: Mg level every 6 hours, and if preeclamptic, check for PIH labs

A/P:

__ year old G_P_ at __ gestational age, on MgSO₄ for PTL or Preeclampsia

No signs/symptoms of Mg toxicity (if there are none). Discuss any other plan

Previously made for this patient (i.e., B-methasone, antibiotics, etc.)