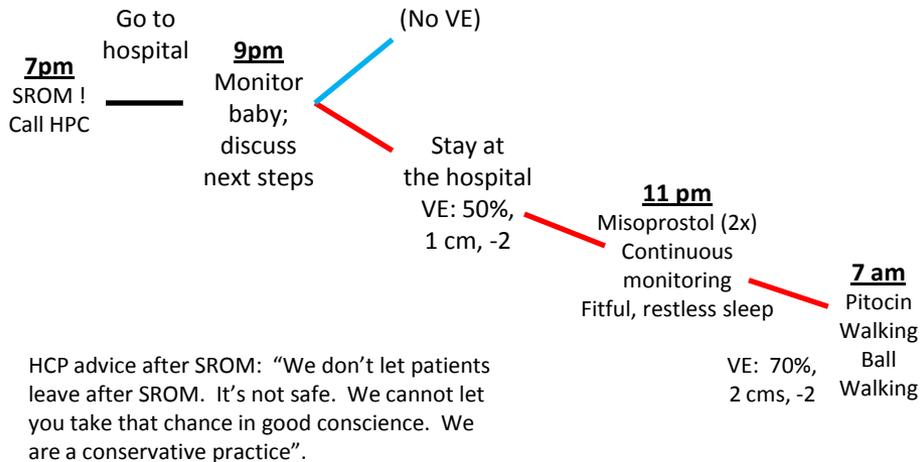


**Family #1**

Medical mindset: -1 minimalist; , -1 naturalism, -1 doubters  
HCP: CNM group practice at level-2 community hospital  
Health: GBS-, late 30s, healthy pregnancy.  
Intentions: Natural, physiologic birth using self-comfort to cope + doula  
Last VE: At the midwife's office that day: 2 cms dilated, 50% effaced, -2 station

HCP Advice: "The risk of infection after SROM increases. We cannot counsel you that it's safer to wait for labor to start on it's own, however the risk of infection is small. If you decide to leave, we need you to come back every 12 hours for monitoring. We won't do any internal exams until we need the data for making medical decisions."



HCP advice after SROM: "We don't let patients leave after SROM. It's not safe. We cannot let you take that chance in good conscience. We are a conservative practice".

**Family #2**

Medical mindset: +1 maximalist, +1 technology, +3 believers  
HCP: OB group practice at level-4 regional hospital  
Health: GBS-, late 30s, healthy pregnancy.  
Intentions: Natural, physiologic birth using self-comfort to cope + doula  
Last VE: At the OBs office that day: 2 cms dilated, 50% effaced, -2 station.

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