At What Gestational Age is the Threshold of Viability?

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Educational Objectives
At the completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

• Discuss the rationale for using the term “perivable period” rather than “threshold of viability”
• Summarize current data related to infant outcomes after birth during the perivable period
• Describe considerations related to counseling patients with a threatened perivable birth
• Discuss recent ACOG/SMFM guidelines related to treating patients with threatened perivable birth
• Apply newly acquired knowledge clinically when caring for pregnant women with threatened perivable birth
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Outline
1. Pertinent definitions
2. Current data regarding infant outcomes after periviable birth
   a. Survival
   b. Survival without moderate or severe morbidity
   c. Limitations of available data
3. Counseling considerations
4. Published guidelines regarding periviable birth
   a. Differences between May 2014 and November 2015 guidelines
   b. Specific recommendations in November 2015 ACOG/SMFM guidelines
5. Clinical application of these data and guidelines

Selected References