Three-Tier Fetal Heart Rate Classification System

Category I

FHR tracings include all of the following:

- Baseline rate: 110-160 bpm
- Baseline FHR variability: moderate
- Accelerations: present or absent
- Late or variable decelerations absent
- Early decelerations present or absent

Category II

All FHR tracings not categorized as Category I or Category III

Category III

FHR tracings which include:

- Absent baseline FHR variability plus:
  - Recurrent late decelerations
  - Recurrent variable decelerations
  - Bradycardia
- Sinusoidal pattern

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