

Table III. Therapeutic Indications of Forceps Assisted Deliveries:

<u>Type of indication:</u>	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>Condition treated:</u>	<u>Examples:</u>
Fetal	Correction of fetal head attitude	Anomalies in: 1-Position 2-Flexion 3-Synclitism 4-Combinations of the above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transverse arrest of descent ✓ Persistent occipito-posterior position ✓ Face presentation (mento-anterior)
	Addition to the extracting vector	Non reassuring fetal status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fetal bradycardia ✓ Intrapartum bleeding ✓ Intrapartum cord prolapse
Maternal	Addition to the extracting vector	Lack of pushing effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maternal exhaustion ✓ Psychomotor agitation (psychosis/drugs) ✓ Spinal cord injuries
	Same	Arrested delivery (with normal mechanism)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prolonged second stage ✓ Arrest of descent
	Replacement of extracting vector	Acute maternal compromise with or without fetal compromise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eclampsia intrapartum ✓ Amniotic fluid embolism intrapartum ✓ Abruption placentae ✓ Psychotic states (and general anesthesia)

Reference: 7