**DOCUMENTATION**

***Narrative SOAP Note***

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Accurate, complete documentation is also important for legal reasons. Maternity care carries legal considerations above and beyond many other areas of nursing. The fetus as well as the mother must be considered in care and documentation. Most states in the United States have a lengthy statute of limi-tations (the allowance for how long after an injury a victim may file a lawsuit) for newborns, so the nursing note may need to be defended in court up to approximately 20 years later.