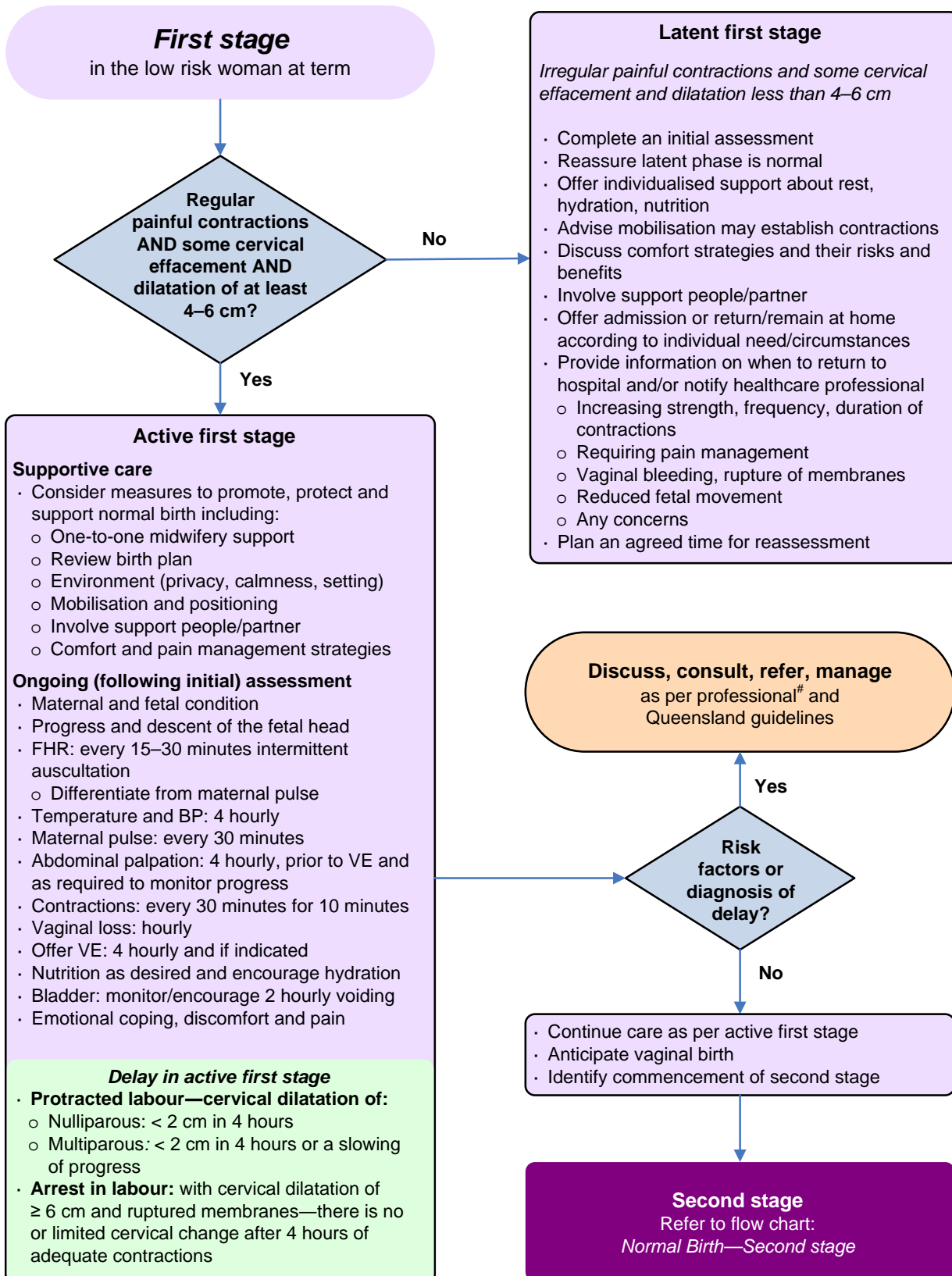


# Normal birth—First stage

Care is woman centred and includes informed choice, consent, privacy and respectful communication. Contemporaneous documentation is essential.



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BP: blood pressure, FHR: fetal heart rate, VE: vaginal examination, >: greater than, ≥: greater than or equal to, <: less than  
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