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RURAL OBSTETRICS IN THE WINTER *CJRM*

To the Editor:

I was very impressed with the Winter edition of *CJRM*, particularly in reference to 2 articles related to rural obstetrics.^{1,2}

The shoulder dystocia article by Peter Hutten-Czapski and Alistair Anderson² covered the major interventions regarding shoulder dystocia very well. The diagrams were exceptionally well done for the McRoberts and Gaskin Manoeuvres.

The article contains a great deal of wisdom in that the authors state "shoulder dystocia is not reliably predictable." Obviously, that is another reason why an overwhelming majority of physicians do not wish to attend home births, since during these events, as the authors point out, an entire collaborative team, including anaesthesia and newborn resuscitation, may well be required.

Congratulations to the editors for printing this helpful article and also to the authors for their

excellent review with very practical suggestions for all physicians, including obstetricians.

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