

**Protocol: Fetus >24 Weeks with new
low heart rate**

What should a sonographer do?

**Normal fetal heart rate >24 weeks is between
120-170bpm**

A prolonged fetal **heart rate of less than 100bpm** may be a serious problem. While you are scanning a fetus and the heart rate stays below 100bpm for longer than 30 seconds – these are the things that should be done:

1. Try to keep scanning the fetal heart while there is bradycardia
2. Put patient in LLD position (this reduces pressure on the IVC)
3. If on the Montlake Campus, Quickly call up to L and D (8-9599) and ask to talk with the CHARGE NURSE
4. Give the charge nurse the patient's hospital number, date of birth and name
5. Bring patient up to Labor and Delivery (6South) immediately.

At Roosevelt please page the referring Physician or contact the OB attending at RWH.

At Northwest Hospital please page the referring Physician or contact the OB attending in CBC.