

## **Figure 20. Clinical criteria for the selection of forceps instruments**

→ In principle chose a forceps that will accomplish all the functions required for that case

→ Other criteria:

- Primiparity: forceps with overlapping shanks to minimize vulvar distension

- ✓ Elliot forceps
- ✓ Tucker-McLane forceps
- ✓ Naegele forceps

- Indication

Prophylactic forceps:

→ Rounded heads (i.e non-molded): (forceps with greater cephalic curvature)

- ✓ Tucker-McLane forceps
- ✓ Salas forceps

→ Modelled heads: (forceps with lesser cephalic curvature)

- ✓ Simpson forceps
- ✓ Elliot forceps

Correction of asynclitism:

- ✓ Salinas forceps
- ✓ Kielland forceps
- ✓ Luikard forceps
- ✓ Salas forceps

Correction of deflexion:

- ✓ Any except for divergent forceps (Salinas, Salas, Laufe, Suzor)

Correction of malrotation disorders of the fetal head:

- ✓ Kielland forceps
- ✓ Salinas forceps
- ✓ Salas forceps
- ✓ Leff forceps
- ✓ Luikart forceps (for smaller degrees of malrotation)

Aftercoming head of breech presentation:

- ✓ Laufe forceps
- ✓ Piper forceps
- ✓ Kielland forceps