

Labor and Birth**SECTION 6-1****Giving Advice About Labor**

Directions: Imagine that you are a nurse in the hospital's birthing center. You receive the following phone calls from pregnant women or their spouses. How would you respond to the calls? Write your responses on the spaces provided.

1. "Nurse, my wife is having contractions! I think we should get her to the hospital right away!"

2. "Nurse, I'm really worried. A gush of fluid just flowed out of me. Does that mean the baby is in danger? What should I do?"

3. "My contractions are five minutes apart. They've been holding steadily at about this cycle for more than an hour now. I've tried walking around, but the contractions continued. They're strong but not painful. Since I've already had two babies, I think I should go to the hospital soon—my last labor was very fast."

4. "Nurse, I'm having contractions eight minutes apart, and a little fluid is coming out. I've been pregnant only 35 weeks, so this is false labor, right?"

