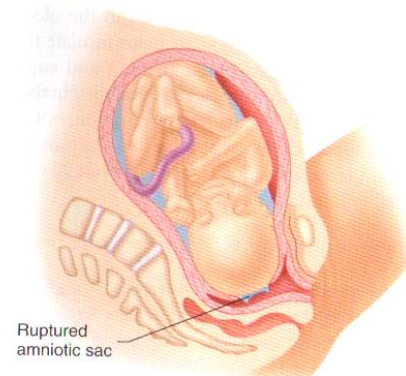
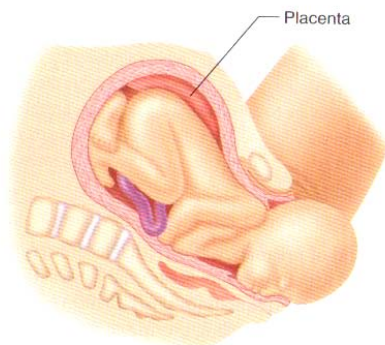


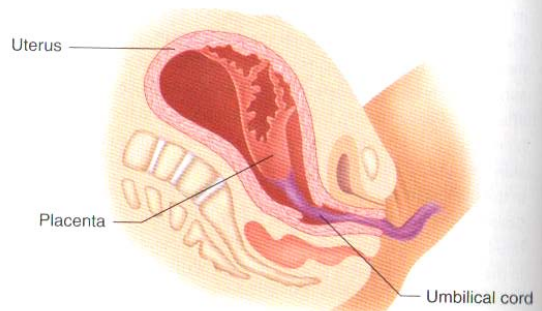
1. **First stage:** the cervix begins to dilate.



2. **Second stage:** further dilation of the cervix and rupture of the amniotic sac occur.



3. **Third stage:** the fetus is expelled from the uterus.



4. **Fourth stage:** the placenta is expelled.

Process Figure 29.19 Parturition