Cervical Ripening Induction Algorithm

EGA ≥ 41 weeks, OR induction for fetal or maternal indication. Recommendation between 39 – 41 weeks with no medical indication and unfavorable cervix is to defer induction.

Unfavorable Cervix but medical indication: Bishop Score ≤ 6
- Preferred options - Foley/Balloon (No risk hyperstimulation, and lower cost than Cervidil) OR Foley/Balloon WITH miso – (More effective than balloon alone, but with hyperstimulation potential)
  - Foley/Balloon technically challenging or declined by patient
    - Non-preferred
  - Cervidil IF not miso candidate AND meets criteria for PG
- Preferred!

Favorable Cervix: Bishop Score > 6
- Alternative - Misoprostol alone
- Oxytocin ± AROM (Cervical ripening at discretion of provider)

If no cervical change — Clinical judgment
Repeat with a different method, consider oxytocin trial, ± AROM