**Chapter 6**

**The Labor Process and Nursing Interventions**

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| **Characteristics** | **Patient Behaviors** | **Nursing Interventions** |
| **First Stage- Dilation and Effacement** |  |  |
| **Latent Phase 4-6 hours** |  |  |
| **Active Phase 2-6 hours** |  |  |
| **Transition Phase 30 minutes – 2 hours** |  |  |
| **Second Stage-Expulsion of Fetus**  **30 minutes – 2 hours** |  |  |
| **Third Stage-Expulsion of Placenta** |  |  |
| **Fourth Stage-Recovery** |  |  |