

# Dystocia Hook

## Description

The Dystocia Hook is a specialized veterinary instrument used during calving or lambing to assist in the delivery of offspring when complications (dystocia) arise. It is designed to gently engage and manoeuvre the fetus — especially limbs — to reposition or aid extraction. Commonly used in bovine and ovine obstetrics, it plays a crucial role in managing difficult births safely.

## Specifications

- **Material:** Medical-grade stainless steel or chrome-plated brass
- **Length:** Typically 20 cm to 35 cm
- **Hook End:** Rounded, blunt, or rubber-coated to avoid injury
- **Handle:** Non-slip grip or loop handle for control
- **Design:** Single hook or double-ended depending on use

## Types & Variants

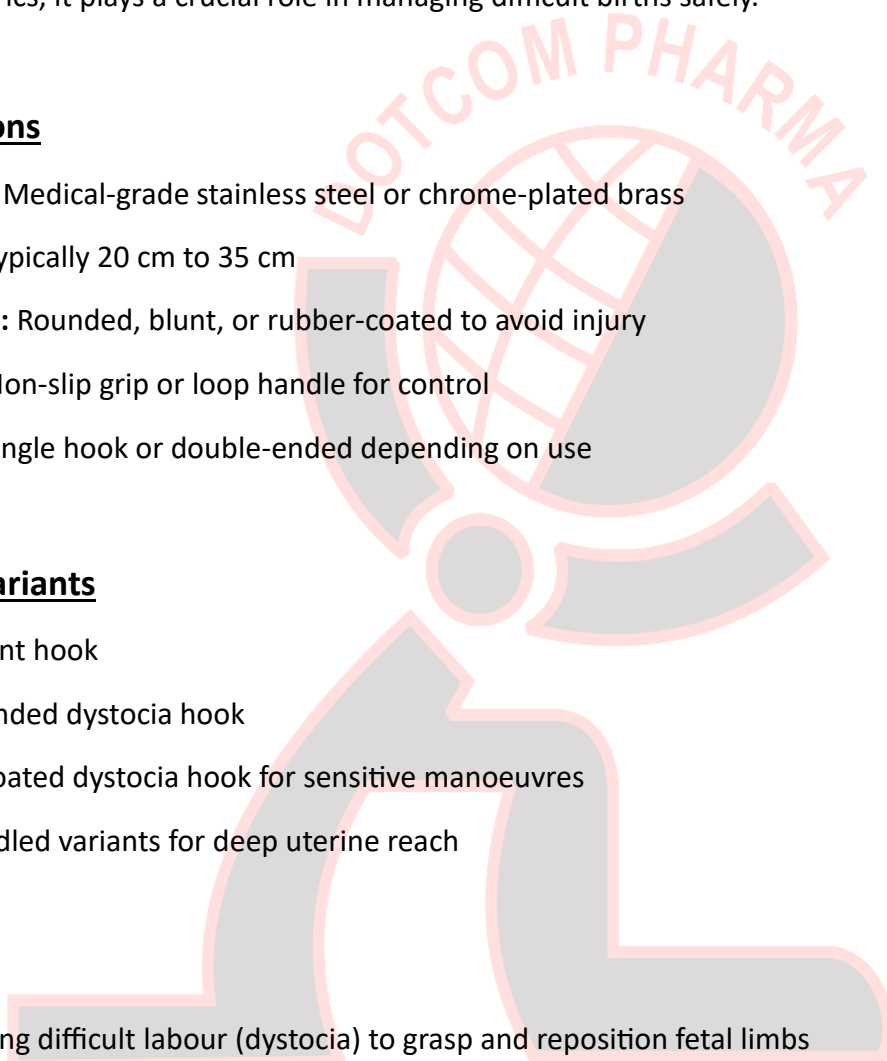
- Single blunt hook
- Double-ended dystocia hook
- Rubber-coated dystocia hook for sensitive manoeuvres
- Long-handled variants for deep uterine reach

## Usage

- Used during difficult labour (dystocia) to grasp and reposition fetal limbs
- Aids in guided traction or rotation during assisted delivery
- Minimizes stress and injury for both mother and fetus when used correctly

## Advantages

- Reduces trauma to the reproductive tract
- Provides controlled handling of fetal parts
- Lightweight and easy to sterilize/ Enhances success in complicated birthing cases



## **Disadvantages**

- Requires experienced handling to prevent injury
- Improper use can cause internal damage
- Limited use — specific to obstetric scenarios

## **Precautions**

- Use only under supervision of a trained veterinary professional
- Ensure hook is smooth and sanitized before insertion
- Apply minimal traction to avoid internal injuries
- Monitor animal closely post-delivery for complications

## **Handling Instructions**

- Rinse immediately after use to remove organic material
- Disinfect thoroughly with veterinary-grade antiseptics
- Store in clean, dry environment
- Inspect before use for rust, bending, or damage


## **Sterilization Details**

- Autoclavable at 121–134°C
- Can be soaked in disinfectants (glutaraldehyde or chlorhexidine-based solutions)

## **HSN & HS Code**

- **HSN Code:** 9018.90
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*Category: Veterinary obstetric instruments, not specified elsewhere*

## **Human Application:**

 Not applicable

## **Veterinary Application:**

Used in large and small animal obstetrics to assist delivery during dystocia situations

Commonly used in cattle, sheep, goats, and horses

## **? Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is a dystocia hook used for?**

To grasp and guide fetal limbs during complicated deliveries in animals.

### **2. Is it safe for the animal?**

Yes, if used properly by a trained individual with care and hygiene.

### **3. Can the hook cause injury?**

If misused or too much force is applied, yes — that's why proper handling is essential.

### **4. How is the hook cleaned?**

Cleaned with antiseptics or sterilized in an autoclave after each use.

### **5. Is this used for all animals?**

Mostly used in large animals like cows and sheep, but also in goats and mares during obstetric emergencies.

