**Figure 20. Clinical criteria for the selection of forceps instruments**

- In principle choose a forceps that will accomplish all the functions required for that case

- Other criteria:

  - **Primiparity:** forceps with overlapping shanks to minimize vulvar distension
    - Elliot forceps
    - Tucker-McLane forceps
    - Naegle forceps

  - **Indication**
    
    **Prophylactic forceps:**
    
    - Rounded heads (i.e. non-molded): (forceps with greater cephalic curvature)
      - Tucker-McLane forceps
      - Salas forceps
    
    - Modelled heads: (forceps with lesser cephalic curvature)
      - Simpson forceps
      - Elliot forceps

    **Correction of asynclitism:**
    - Salinas forceps
    - Kielland forceps
    - Luikard forceps
    - Salas forceps

    **Correction of deflexion:**
    - Any except for divergent forceps (Salinas, Salas, Laufe, Suzor)

    **Correction of malrotation disorders of the fetal head:**
    - Kielland forceps
    - Salinas forceps
    - Salas forceps
    - Leff forceps
    - Luikart forceps (for smaller degrees of malrotation)

    **Aftercoming head of breech presentation:**
    - Laufe forceps
    - Piper forceps
    - Kielland forceps