Figure 14-1 Characteristics of the average cervical dilation curve for nulliparous labor. (Modified from Friedman EA: Labor: Clinical Evaluation and Management, 2nd ed. Norwalk, CT, Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1978.)
Friedman labor curve

First stage = A + B + C + D where A=latent phase; B=acceleration phase; C=phase of maximum slope; D=deceleration phase
Second stage = E