### 5.21.2 Ergometrine Administration for Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage

#### Instruction

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| Midwives working in the Family Birth Centre (FBC) may administer Ergometrine 250 micrograms intravenously / intramuscularly for the management of a primary PPH after the calling of a ‘Code Blue Medical’ and prior to transfer to the Labour and Birth Suite | Women experiencing a PPH shall be given Ergometrine as part of the emergency management after the calling of a “Code Blue Medical” and prior to the transfer to the Labour and Birth Suite. Ergometrine **shall not** be administered if  
- Hypertension has been diagnosed during pregnancy or labour.  
- There is any history of cardiac disease  
- In the setting of pre existing hypertension  
Ergometrine shall only be given after consultation with the consultant obstetrician | 1. Ensure the woman’s past medical and obstetric history is available to enable the decision regarding the use of Ergometrine  
2. Ensure the woman is informed and counselled appropriately as to the reason for the administration and the possible consequences of not receiving the Ergometrine  
3. Verbal consent shall be obtained from the woman prior to administering the Ergometrine  
4. Follow Clinical Guidelines B 9.1.1 Management of a Primary PPH  
5. Document the administration of the Ergometrine on the MR810. |