5 INTRAPARTUM CARE

5.21 THE PRESCRIPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF ROUTINE MEDICATIONS FOR LABOUR AND BIRTH IN THE FAMILY BIRTH CENTRE

AIM

- To provide guidance on the prescription and administration of routine medications used in labour and birth for women at the Family Birth Centre.

KEY POINTS

1. This guideline only applies to the midwives providing care to women while in the Family Birth Centre who have been granted authorisation from the Chief Pharmacist under regulation 40(1)(g) of the Poisons regulations 1965 to use and access certain medicines.
2. This guideline does not apply when Family Birth Centre midwives provide care in the Labour and Birth Suite at KEMH. In these circumstances, the KEMH clinical guidelines shall be used.
3. All schedule 4 and schedule 8 medications (with the exception of the ones listed below) must be prescribed and administered as per clinical guidelines 2.2.1 Schedule 4 Prescription Only Medication Administration and 2.2.3 Schedule 8 Controlled Medications Administration.
4. The following medications may be administered by Family Birth Centre Midwives (as designated in key point 1) without prior prescribing by medical staff. Such administration must be recorded in the appropriate section of the medication chart.

- Local anaesthetic for perineal infiltration:
  - 0.5% Lignocaine up to 20mL
  - Lignocaine 1% 10-20 mL

- Local anaesthetic for perineal repair:

- Oxytocic for third stage management:
  - Oxytocin (Syntocinon®) 10iu IM - One dose only
  - Oxytocin 5i.u. / Ergomtrine 500 micrograms (Syntometrine®) - One dose only IM
  - Ergometrine Injection 500 micrograms in 1ml
  - Misoprostol tablets 200mcg, up to 1000mcg
  - Phytomenadione (Konakion®) 1mg (0.1mL) IM

- For third stage management (Only to be given in the circumstance of a PPH Prior to transfer to the Labour and Birth Suite)
  - Neonatal Vitamin K1 injection.
    - Written consent shall be obtained prior to administration
  - Neonatal Vitamin K1 ORAL. Used when oral administration is requested by the parents.
    - Written consent shall be obtained prior to administration.

- Oxytocin 5I.U. / Ergometrine 500 micrograms (Syntometrine®) - One dose only IM

- Phytomenadione (Konakion®) 2mg (0.2mL) ORALLY.

REFERENCES / STANDARDS

National Standards – 1- Care provided by clinical workforce guided by current best practice; 4- Medication Safety Legislation - Poisons Act 1964
Related Policies - Other related documents – KEMH Clinical Guidelines, Section P: 2.1 Administration of Medications

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