## ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE

### Oxytocin

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### Restrictions

**Formulary: Unrestricted**

### Medication Class

Oxytocin (synthetic pituitary hormone)

### Presentation

**Ampoule:** 10unit/mL

**Combination Product:**

**Ampoule:** Oxytocin 5unit Ergometrine 500microg per 1mL (Refer to KEMH Adult Medication Guideline: [Syntometrine](#))

### Storage

Protect from light.

Store at 2 - 8°C (Refrigerate. Do not freeze)*

*May be stored for up to 30 days, at or below 25°C. If stock is removed from the refrigerator, ensure the date of removal is clearly written on the blue and white stickers (7b) provided by pharmacy.*
Dose and Administration

**Prophylaxis and Treatment of Postpartum Haemorrhage:**
Refer to: KEMH O&G Restricted Area Clinical Practice Guideline: Postpartum Complications *(Intranet access only)*
Refer to: KEMH Community Midwifery Program Clinical Practice Guideline: Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) at Home (CMP) *(Intranet access only)*

**Induction of Labour:**
Refer to: KEMH O&G Restricted Area Clinical Practice Guideline: Induction of Labour *(Intranet access only)*

**Pharmacological management of uterine tone at caesarean birth:**
Refer to: KEMH O&G Clinical Practice Guideline: Caesarean birth

**Active management of the third stage of labour:**
Refer to: KEMH O&G Clinical Practice Guideline: Labour: Third stage

**Retained Placenta:**
Refer to: KEMH O&G Clinical Practice Guideline: Labour: Third stage: Retained Placenta

**Monitoring**
When using an infusion, monitor fluid balance to prevent water intoxication.

**Pregnancy**
- **1st Trimester:** Consider alternative
- **2nd Trimester:** Consider alternative
- **3rd Trimester:** Monitoring required

**Breastfeeding**
Safe to use
Comments

Do not use ampoules that have been out of the fridge for more than 30 days or if the date of removal from the fridge is unknown.

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

WNHS O&G Clinical Practice Guidelines (in addition to those listed above):

- Blood Products and Transfusion: Refusal
- Bladder Management
- Birth After Previous Caesarean Section
- Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring
- Pregnancy care: Mid-trimester pregnancy loss (including abortion) (Restricted Area Guideline – Intranet access only)
- Multiple Pregnancy
- Labour: Partogram
- Fetal Compromise / Distress (Acute)
- Rupture of Membranes- Spontaneous (Pre-viability, Preterm and Term)
- Cardiac Disease
- Labour: First Stage: Management of Delay
- Labour: Second Stage: Management of Delay
- Abnormalities of lie / presentation
- Body Mass Index (BMI) >40: Management of a Woman with

WNHS Medicines Management Guidelines:

Structured Administration & Supply Arrangement (SASA): Oxytocin

Prescribing by Eligible Private Practicing Midwives (EPPM) with a Scheduled Medicines Endorsement

References


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