





ADULT

OXYTOCIN

This document should be read in conjunction with this [DISCLAIMER](#)

Presentation	Ampoule: 10units/mL Combination product: Oxytocin 5 units with Ergometrine 500mcg per 1mL (see Syntometrine)
Dose and Administration	Refer to relevant KEMH Clinical Guidelines for appropriate dose regimes and administration (links below)
Pregnancy	1st Trimester: Consider alternative 2nd Trimester: Consider alternative 3rd Trimester: Monitoring required
Breastfeeding	Safe to use
Monitoring	When using an infusion, monitor fluid balance to prevent water intoxication
Clinical Guidelines and Policies	Syntometrine Intrapartum Care: Oxytocin Infusion Oxytocin Regimen for Induction of Labour: Labour and Birth Suite- Quick Reference Guide Third Stage of Labour Augmentation of Labour Using Oxytocin Prophylactic and Therapeutic Oxytocin Infusion Regimens Pharmacological Management of Uterine Tone at Caesarean Birth Active management of the third stage following a vaginal birth Prescription and Administration of Routine Medications for Labour and Birth in the Family Birth Centre Medications (Routine) in Labour and Birth Suite: Guidelines for Prescribing Medications (Routine) in the FBC: Prescription & Administration Syntometrine Postpartum complications (Restricted area guideline)
References	Australian Medicines Handbook. Oxytocin. In: Australian Medicines Handbook [Internet]. Adelaide (South Australia): Australian Medicines Handbook; 2017 [cited 2017 Nov 28]. Available from: https://amhonline.amh.net.au/ The Royal Women's Hospital. Oxytocin. In: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

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