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OXYTOCIN (SYNTHETIC) AND ERGOMETRINE MALEATE (SYNTOMETRINE®)

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Presentation	Ampoule: Oxytocin 5 units with Ergometrine 500mcg per 1mL
Dose and Administration	Refer to relevant KEMH Clinical Guidelines for appropriate dose regimes (links below)
Pregnancy	<p>1st Trimester: Contraindicated</p> <p>2nd Trimester: Contraindicated</p> <p>3rd Trimester: Contraindicated</p>
Breastfeeding	Considered safe to use
Monitoring	<p>Blood pressure and heart rate</p> <p>Contraindicated in women with cardiac disease</p>
Clinical Guidelines and Policies	<p>Prophylactic and Therapeutic Oxytocin Infusion Regimens</p> <p>Pharmacological Management of Uterin Tone at Caesarean Birth</p> <p>Active management of the third stage following a vaginal birth</p> <p>Labour and Birth Suite QRG for Syntometrine</p> <p>Prescription and Administration of Routine Medications for Labour and Birth in the Family Birth Centre</p> <p>Medications (Routine) in Labour and Birth Suite: Guidelines for Prescribing</p> <p>Medications (Routine) in the FBC: Prescription & Administration Syntometrine</p> <p>Management of primary post-partum haemorrhage (Restricted area guideline)</p>
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