



Medicines Management Policy

Structured Administration & Supply Arrangement (SASA): Oxytocin

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

Issuing Authority

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Practitioners:	WNHS Registered Midwives
Practice Setting:	Community Midwifery Program (CMP)
Qualification:	Community Midwifery Program medication competency training
Patients:	Perinatal patient management of mothers and their newborns

Approved Storage Sites

All medicines are approved for storage at the following sites as per the listings on the WNHS Poisons Permit.

Site	Site Address
1.	Suite 13, 11 Wentworth Parade, Success
2.	Shop E05, Lakeside Shopping Centre, Corner Joondalup Drive and Cord St Joondalup WA 6027
3.	Kalamunda Hospital, Elizabeth St, Kalamunda

Oxytocin

Route:	Intramuscular	Brand:	Any stocked brand
Form:	Injection	Strength:	10 unit/mL
Dose:	10 units	Quantity:	Single dose only
Instructions:	Administer 10 units (1mL) as a single dose		
Administration Notes:	Administered with the birth of the baby's anterior shoulder or as soon as possible after birth of the baby.		
Patient Inclusion:	Prophylaxis of Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) in the context of active management of the third stage of labour.		
Patient Exclusion:	Nil		
Adverse Effects:	Nausea, vomiting, transient hypotension, reflex tachycardia		
Documentation:	Birth Record - CMP MR 08B		
Clinical Guidelines	WNHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Medication Guidelines: Oxytocin+ WNHS: Primary PPH at Home (CMP)		

Oxytocin

Route:	Intravenous	Brand:	any stocked brand
Form:	Intravenous	Strength:	10 unit/mL
Dose:	10-20 units /hour	Quantity:	Single dose only
Administration:	<p>Add 40 units (4mL) of oxytocin to Compound Sodium Lactate (Hartman's) Solution 500mL bag.</p> <p>Administer via intravenous infusion at a rate of 125mL/hour (42 drops/min) increase to 250mL/hour (84 drops/min) if ongoing bleeding.</p>		
Patient Inclusion:	Treatment of Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) due to uterine atony prior to, or during transfer to hospital.		
Patient Exclusion:	Nil		
Adverse Effects:	Nausea, vomiting, transient hypotension, reflex tachycardia		
Documentation:	Birth Record - CMP MR 08B		
Clinical Guidelines	<p>WNHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Medication Guidelines: Oxytocin</p> <p>WNHS: Primary PPH at Home (CMP)</p>		



Related policies, procedures and guidelines

WNHS Clinical Guidelines:

- WNHS: [Administration Checking Procedure by Nursing/Midwifery Staff and students](#)
- WNHS: [Medication Management Framework](#)
- WNHS: [Return & Disposal of Medications](#)

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