

You asked:

1 i) Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust's Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy (or policies)? If it was (they were) recently updated, please supply the previous one(s), also.

<p>Dose and Route</p>	<p>Augmentation of the first stage of labour: Use same regimen for primigravid and multigravid women</p>		
	<p>10iu oxytocin in 500mls of sodium chloride 0.9% given by infusion pump</p>		
<p>Dose and Route contd..</p>	Time after starting infusion (minutes)	Rate of infusion (ml/hour)	Oxytocin dose (milliunits/min)
	0	3	1
	30	6	2
	60	12	4
	90	24	8
	120	36	12
	150	48	16
	180	60	20
	<p>(1 unit=1000 milliunits)</p> <p><i>Higher rates occasionally may be needed up to 32 milliunits/min (96ml/hour of 10units in 500ml) but only after discussion with a senior registrar or consultant)</i></p> <p>Continue at 20milliunits/min (60ml/hour) for 2 hours after birth.</p>		
	<p>Arrest in the second stage of labour: Augmentation in the second stage of labour should only be commenced following review by a senior registrar or consultant.</p> <p>Start infusion at 4mu/min (12ml/hour) and increase by 4mu/min (12ml/hr) every 15 minutes as required. Max dose 20mu/min (60ml/hour). <i>Higher rates occasionally may be needed to 32mu/min (96ml/hour of 10units in 500ml) but only after discussion with senior registrar or consultant.</i></p>		
<p>10 Units oxytocin in 500mls sodium chloride 0.9% given by infusion pump</p>			

Time after starting infusion (minutes)	Rate of infusion (ml/hour)	Oxytocin dose (milliunits/min)
0	12	4
15	24	8
30	36	12
45	48	16
60	60	20

(1 unit = 1000 milliunits)
Continue at 20 milliunits/min (60ml/hour) for 2 hours after a Birth

ii) If named in the document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.)

Carefusion Alaris GPplus – Gaurdrails IPX3

2) Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier.



3) How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?

Many apologies but this is a difficult request to fulfil; Telepath (our Laboratory Information Management System) is limited, in that it can give us a certain

amount of data but it cannot give us a breakdown of issues per department. In order to provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl to look back at a years' worth of request forms (approximately 150000) and pull out all of the maternity requests. This exercise would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information requested.

4) What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?

Please see response to question 3.

5) What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit(s), including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?

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