Oxytocin Intravenous for Adults

Who can administer

May be administered by registered competent doctor or nurse/midwife

Important information

- Refer to relevant national guidelines and to guidelines developed by Saolta Women's and Children's directorate on QPulse

Available preparations

Syntocinon 5 unit per 1ml ampoule

Syntocinon 10 unit per 1ml ampoule

Reconstitution

Already in solution

Infusion fluids

Sodium chloride 0.9% or Glucose 5%

Hartmann's solution may also be used [ref 1]

Methods of intravenous administration

Continuous intravenous infusion (usual route) (administer using an electronically controlled infusion device)

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- Guidelines and procedure for management of **post partum haemorrhage (PPH)** (CLN-LW-0028)
- Guidance on the management of **low risk women in the three stages of pregnancy** (CLN-LW-006)
- Guideline for **Multiple pregnancies: guidelines on the management of twins in labour**

(CLN-LW-0020)
- Guideline on **Induction of labour** (CLN-LW-004)

Dose in adults

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Monitoring

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Storage

Store between 2 and 8^{0}C

References

1. Injectable Medicines guide, downloaded from Medusa 28/05/2025

Therapeutic classification

Oxytocic