

1. An intravenous infusion of a non-oxytocin containing solution should be started. Physiologic electrolyte solutions should be used except under unusual circumstances.
2. To prepare the usual solution for intravenous infusion: One mL (10 units) is combined aseptically with 1,000 mL of a non-hydrating diluent.
The combined solution, rotated in the infusion bottle to insure thorough mixing, contains 10 mU/mL. Add the container with dilute oxytocic solution to the system through the use of a constant infusion pump or other such device to control accurately the rate of infusion.
3. The initial dose should be no more than 1 to 2 mU/min. The dose may be gradually increased in increments of no more than 1 to 2 mU/min, until a contraction pattern has been established which is similar to normal labour.
4. The fetal heart rate, resting uterine tone, and the frequency, duration and force of contractions should be monitored.
5. The oxytocin infusion should be discontinued immediately in the event of uterine hyperactivity or fetal distress. Oxygen should be administered to the mother. The mother and fetus must be evaluated by the responsible physician.

B. Control of Postpartum Uterine Bleeding

1. Intravenous Infusion (Drip Method)
To control postpartum bleeding, 10 to 40 units of oxytocin may be added to 1,000 mL of a non-hydrating diluent and run at a rate necessary to control uterine atony.
2. Intramuscular Administration
One mL (10 units) of oxytocin can be given after delivery of the placenta.

C. Treatment of Incomplete or Inevitable Abortion

Intravenous infusion with physiologic saline solution, 500 mL, or 5% dextrose in physiologic saline solution, to which 10 units of oxytocin have been added, should be infused at a rate of 20 to 40 drops/minute.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit.

AVAILABILITY OF DOSAGE FORMS

Product Number	USP	Volume
	Oxytocin units per mL synthetic	
C91201*	10	1 mL in a 3 mL vial
C1210	10	10 mL in a 10 mL vial

* Packaged in a plastic vial

1 mL size is a single-dose vial, packaged 25 vials per tray. Discard unused portion.

10 mL size is a multiple-dose vial, packaged 25 vials per tray. Use only if solution is clear and seal intact.

DO NOT FREEZE. Store between 15 and 30°C.