
7.1 DRUGS USED IN OBSTETRICS

7.1.1 PROSTAGLANDINS AND OXYTOCINS

- **Carboprost** 250 micrograms/1mL injection
- **Dinoprostone** 3mg tablet
(*Prostin E2*) 1mg/2.5mL vaginal gel
2mg/2.5mL vaginal gel
- **Ergometrine** 500 micrograms/mL injection
- **Ergometrine/oxytocin** 500 micrograms/5 units/mL injection
(*Syntometrine*)
- **Gemeprost** 1mg pessaries
- **Oxytocin** 10 units (10,000 milliunits/mL injection)

See Induction of Labour guidelines on SharePoint for details of doses and administration

7.1.2 MIFEPRISTONE

- **Mifepristone** 200mg tablets
See unit guidelines for indications and doses.
Often given in conjunction with misoprostol (see unit guidelines)
- **Misoprostol** 200microgram tablets

7.1.3 MYOMETRIAL RELAXANTS

- **Atosiban** 6.75mg in 0.6mL injection
7.5mg/mL (5mL) concentrate for intravenous infusion
- **Indomethacin** 100mg suppository (**unlicensed use**)
75mg m/r tablets (**unlicensed use**)

See PRETERM LABOUR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES on SharePoint for dose and administration details

- **Terbutaline** 500 micrograms/1mL injection

Indication : Uterine hypercontractility due to induction agents – ***unlicensed use***

See Management of Hyperstimulation on Trove for guidelines on administration and dose

METHOTREXATE FOR ECTOPIC PREGNANCY (SINGLE DOSE REGIMEN)

Please note this is an unlicensed use of methotrexate.

Methotrexate injections are prepared by the Pharmacy Department and doses will be supplied within office hours Monday to Friday only.

See unit policy for dose and administration guidelines

CHOLESTASIS IN PREGNANCY

- Oral vitamin K from 32 weeks until delivery – Phytomenadione 10mg od
- If pruritus present try (in order)
 - emollients (Cetraben)
 - antihistamine – chlorphenamine
 - ursodeoxycholic acid (400mg bd)
 - dexamethasone 12mg od po (on advice of Consultant Obstetrician only)

7.2 TREATMENT OF VAGINAL AND VULVAL CONDITIONS

7.2.1 PREPARATIONS FOR VAGINAL AND VULVAL CHANGES

Refer also to HRT section 6.4.1

Topical HRT for vaginal atrophy

Vaginal oestrogen preparations are effective in the short-term treatment of urogenital symptoms. Systemic absorption can be significant and if these are to be used for more than a few weeks by a woman with an intact uterus, a progesterone should be added to treatment.

- **Estriol 0.01% cream** Ortho-Gynest[®] with applicator
- **Estriol 500microgram pessaries** Ortho-Gynest[®]

- **Estrol 0.1% vaginal cream** Ovestin®
- **Estradiol 25microgram vaginal tablets** Vagifem®

7.2.2 VAGINAL AND VULVAL INFECTIONS

Fungal infections

- **Clotrimazole** Topical cream 1%
Vaginal cream 10%
Vaginal tablet 500mg

Other infections

- **Metronidazole** 0.75% vaginal gel with applicators

NB. Must be prescribed as **vaginal gel** on prescriptions to ensure that the correct preparation is supplied

Also see local antibiotic guidelines

7.4 DRUGS FOR GENITO-URINARY DISORDERS

7.4.1 URINARY RETENTION

- **Alfuzosin** 2.5mg tablets, 10mg m/r tablets
- **Tamsulosin** 400microgram m/r capsule

7.4.2 DRUGS FOR URINARY FREQUENCY, ENURESIS AND INCONTINENCE

First line

- **Oxybutynin** 2.5mg, 5mg tablets
5mg m/r tablets
36mg (3.9mg/24hours) patch
- **Duloxetine** 20mg, 40mg capsules (Yentreve®)
NB not to be confused with Cymbalta® - 30mg and 60mg strength capsules for treatment of major depression and diabetic neuropathy

Second line

- **Tolterodine** 1mg, 2mg tablets
4mg m/r capsules
- **Trospium** 20mg m/r tablets
- **Solifenacin** 5mg, 10mg tablets

For prescribing according to NICE TA290 ([here](#))

- **Mirabegron** 25mg, 50mg tablets

Nocturnal enuresis

- **Desmopressin** 200microgram tablets

7.4.3 DRUGS USED IN UROLOGICAL PAIN

- **Lidocaine/lignocaine** 2% syringes, 11mL
(*Instillagel*)
- **Potassium citrate** Various preparations – check local availability.
Effercitrate 1.5g tabs is the preparation used in COCH

7.4.4 BLADDER INSTALLATIONS AND UROLOGICAL SURGERY

Catheter patency solutions

- **Sodium chloride** 0.9% Uro-Trainer 100mL
- **Solution G** Uro-Trainer 100mL

7.4.5 DRUGS FOR ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION

- **Alprostadil** Various preparations available
Prescribing restrictions apply
- **Sildenafil** Prescribing restrictions apply