

OB SS OXYTOCIN INDUCTION

NURSING

- Continuous External Fetal Monitoring (EFM) – Obtain reassuring fetal heart tone (FHT) tracing prior to starting Oxytocin infusion

MEDICATIONS

Oxytocin Orders: ****Physician to select ONE regimen only****

Oxytocin Regimen # 1 (1 mU/min, titrate by 1 mU/min)

- Oxytocin (Pitocin) 10 units in LR 500 mL via infusion pump. Start oxytocin infusion at 1 mU/min = 3 mL/Hr, then titrate in **1 mU/min** increments Q 30 mins up to a max rate of 20 mU/min to obtain adequate contraction. Notify OB provider to obtain further orders if labor pattern remains inadequate at the max rate.

Oxytocin Regimen # 2 (1 mU/min, titrate by 2 mU/min)

- Oxytocin (Pitocin) 10 units in LR 500 mL via infusion pump. Start oxytocin infusion at 1 mU/min = 3 mL/Hr, then titrate in **2 mU/min** increments Q 30 mins up to a max rate of 20 mU/min to obtain adequate contraction. Notify OB provider to obtain further orders if labor pattern remains inadequate at the max rate.

Other medications: _____

REMINDERS

- Avoid elective induction of labor at < 39 weeks of gestation unless fetal lung maturity has been confirmed [Evidence](#)
- Consider intracervical balloon catheterization for cervical ripening or induction of labor [Evidence](#)