



Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health *Safe Administration of Oxytocin*

In-Use Oxytocin Checklist For Low-Risk Pregnant Patients

**This checklist will be successfully completed every 30 minutes while oxytocin is in use.
If this checklist cannot be completed, oxytocin must be decreased or stopped.**

Continuous EFM Assessment shows:

- At least 1 acceleration of 15 bpm x 15 seconds in 30 minutes **OR** moderate variability for 10 of the previous 30 minutes.
- No more than 1 late deceleration occurred.
- No more than 2 complicated variable decelerations within the previous 30 minutes.

Uterine Contractions

- No more than 5 uterine contractions in 10 minutes for any 30-minute interval
- No more than two contractions greater than 120 seconds duration
- Uterus palpates soft between contractions
- If IUPC is in place, MVU calculate to greater than 25 mmHg and less than 75 – 80 mmHg above baseline. Normal uterine resting tone is 7 – 25 mmHg.

Notes: This checklist represents a guideline for care: however, individualized medical care is directed by the primary care provider. If oxytocin is stopped the pre-oxytocin checklist will be reviewed before oxytocin is restarted.

Source: Adapted from the [HCA Perinatal Safety Initiative, 2009](#)