

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.1136.19
<b>Subject:</b>	Intravenous oxytocin infusions
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**Requested**

1. Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust's Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy (or policies)? If it was (they were) recently updated, please supply the previous one(s), also. Thank you.
2. If named in the document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.) Thank you.
3. Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier. Thank you.
4. How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?
5. What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?
6. What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit(s), including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) administers Oxytocin in a mixture made up from 10iu Oxytocin in 500mls Sodium Chloride (NaCl). A copy of the table included in the UHB's Oxytocin for Induction/Augmentation of Labour Guideline is provided below.

<b>Time after starting (mins)</b>	<b>OXYTOCIN INFUSION REGIME</b>
	<b>RATE OF INFUSION MLS/HR</b>
0	3
30 mins	6
60mins	12
90mins	24
120mins	36
150mins	48
180mins	60
	Review needed: 72
	84
	96

2. The UHB utilises a Braun Infusomat Space. Type: 8713050 within the labour ward.
3. The UHB experienced a total of 43 post-partum haemorrhages of  $\geq$  1500mls blood during the 2018 calendar year. This equates to 1.35% of the total number of births.

4. A total of 126 units of blood were transfused to maternity patients during the 2018 calendar year.
5. The UHB is unable to provide the total costs attributed to blood components for maternity services during the 2018 calendar year. The costs are absorbed by the UHB's pathology budget and are not recorded separately.
6. Please see response to question 5.