INTRAVENOUS (IV) OXYTOCINE REGIMEN FILE

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES

Patient name	**Patient #**	**Bed #**
Indication	**Date**	
Bishop score		

PROTOCOL

Dilute 5 IU in 500 ml or 10 IU in 1 litre of Ringer lactate or 0.9% sodium chloride solution.

Start at 5 to 8 drops / minute, then increase by 5 to 8 drops / minute every 30 minutes, until contractions are effective (3 contractions of more than 40 seconds in 10 minutes). On average, 20 drops / minute result in satisfactory uterine contractions. Do not exceed 60 drops / minute.

In case of previous C-section (low transverse incision), grand multiparity and/or overdistended uterus the maximum infusion rate of 30 drops / minute.

In case of fœtal distress, uterine hyperkinesia (more than 5 contractions in 10 minutes), or uterine hypertony (absence of uterine relaxation): STOP the oxytocin.

Every 30 minutes monitor: Close maternal monitoring (check for hyperstimulation, imminent rupture and dystocia)
Close fœtal monitoring (chek for decelerations in heart rate after the contractions)

IV drip rate		Contractions			Foetal heart rate	Remarks	Signature
hour	drops/ minute	yes/no	.../ 10 minutes	... seconds	...../ minute		

Other medication given: