Glossary

**Syntocinon®** - synthetic oxytocin (+ excipients) for iv infusion supplied in ampoules: 5 IU and 10 IU.

**Milliunit** - one thousandth of one International Unit (IU) abbreviated - 1 mU and (half) 0.5 mU.

**Induction of labour** - use (combination of) natural and/or medical intervention to prompt labour.

**Augmentation of labour** - intravenous synthetic oxytocin to strengthen existing labour pains.

**Drip infusion** - iv infusion hand-controlled adjustable clamp on tubing, to regulate rate of drops.

**Volumetric pump** - 0.1 ml minimum flow: mechanical fingers milk the tubing - like peristalsis.

**Syringe driver** - 0.01 ml minimum volume flow: syringe installed into motorised pump device.

**Dilution of Syntocinon®** - The authors use ’dilution’ to define the total dose of synthetic oxytocin to be added to the total volume of iv fluid to contain Syntocinon® so that the minimum volume of the device - whether of drip or infusion pump - contains only 0.5 mU or 1 mU synthetic oxytocin.

**Dosage of Syntocinon®** - combines dose per minute with licensed limitations on rates of infusion

**Recommended dosage range** - In this context, the limitations for safe use, for which manufacture was granted licence for live pregnancy, or following pregnancy-associated complications. (NOTE: synthetic oxytocin has other uses for which other doses and administrations are licensed.)

**Consent** - formal agreement given by patient to receive synthetic oxytocin in a licensed format.

**Consent to unlicensed dosage** - formal agreement by patient to receive unlicensed dilutions or rates of infusion on the recommendation of her Obstetrician for identifiable clinical reasons.

**Withdrawal of consent** - patient’s legal right to change mind regardless of contrary clinical advice.

**NOTE:** it is illegal to continue any treatment for which the patient has withdrawn consent.