

Consenting to Syntocinon® Infusion

The 25% of women for whom induction of labour may be suggested, should be informed of the factors in their case which cause the Obstetrician to recommend induction, as soon as those factors become apparent. Every woman should have a full explanation of the procedures involved, and should be given a leaflet with information to take home for consideration, being free to ask questions at her next visit, before giving consent. Ladies who arrive in hospital in labour may not require augmentation, but if they do, they should receive a clear explanation of Syntocinon® infusion, and time to think, before agreeing to receive it. **They should start on a low assessment dose, such as only 1 mU/minute.**

