

PRESENTATION

An ampoule containing ergometrine 500 micrograms and oxytocin 5 units in 1ml.

INDICATIONS

Postpartum haemorrhage within 24 hours of delivery of the infant where bleeding from the uterus is uncontrollable by uterine massage.

ACTIONS

Stimulates contraction of the uterus within 7 minutes of IM injection.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Known hypersensitivity.

Active labour.

Severe cardiac, liver or kidney disease.

Hypertension and severe pre-eclampsia.

Possible multiple pregnancy/known or suspected fetus in utero.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Route: IM

Concentration – 500 micrograms ergometrine and 5 units oxytocin in 1ml.

AGE	DOSE	VOLUME
Adult	500 micrograms ergometrine 5 units oxytocin	1ml

SIDE EFFECTS

Nausea and vomiting.

Abdominal pain.

Headache.

Hypertension and bradycardia.

Chest pain and rarely anaphylactic reactions.