



MISOPROSTOL

Recommended Dosages 2012

800µg	Induced abortion¹ 800µg pv <u>or</u> sl 3 hrly (max x3 within 12hrs) ^a			PPH treatment 800µg sl single dose ^f
	Missed abortion 800µg pv 3 hrly (max x2) <u>or</u> 600µg sl 3 hrly (max x2) ^b			
600µg	Incomplete abortion^{2,3} 600µg po single dose ^a <u>or</u> 400µg sl single dose ^a			PPH prophylaxis² 600µg po single dose ^e
	Cervical ripening pre-instrumentation 400µg pv 3 hrs <u>or</u> sl 2-3 hrs before procedure ^a	Induced abortion^{1,4} / Interruption of pregnancy 400µg pv <u>or</u> sl 3 hrly (max x5) ^a		
200µg		Intrauterine foetal death⁴ 13-17 wks 200µg pv 6 hrly (max x4) ^c		
100µg		Intrauterine foetal death⁴ 18-26 wks 100µg pv 6 hrly (max x4) ^c		
25µg			Intrauterine foetal death⁵ 25µg pv 6 hrly <u>or</u> 25µg po 2 hrly ^d	
			Induction of labour^{2,5} 25µg pv 6 hrly <u>or</u> 25µg po 2 hrly ^d	
		Care with previous uterine scar and caesarean section		
	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester	Post-Partum

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Notes

- 1 Only use where legal and with mifepristone, where available
- 2 Included in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines
- 3 Leave to work for 1-2 weeks unless excessive bleeding or infection
- 4 Halve dose if previous caesarean section or uterine scar
- 5 Make sure you use the correct dosage - overdose can lead to complications. Do not use if previous caesarean section

References

- a WHO/RHR. Safe abortion: technical and policy guidance for health systems (2nd edition), 2012
- b Gemzell-Danielsson et al. IJGO, 2007
- c Gómez Ponce de León et al. IJGO, 2007
- d WHO recommendations for induction of labour, 2011
- e FIGO Guidelines: Prevention of PPH with misoprostol, 2012
- f FIGO Guidelines: Treatment of PPH with misoprostol, 2012

Abbreviations pv - vaginal; sl - under the tongue; po - oral; PPH - post-partum haemorrhage; µg - microgramme