



Drug Therapy Protocols: Ergometrine

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Drug class

Oxytocic drug

Pharmacology

An ergot alkaloid with uterine smooth muscle contractile properties.

Metabolism

Ergometrine is mainly metabolised in the liver.

Schedule

- S4 (Restricted drugs).

Special notes

- Only credentialed QAS Flight paramedics are authorised to carry medications from the designated LifeFlight medication formulary.
- LifeFlight is responsible for the procurement of all medications in the LifeFlight response kits.

Indications

- As per LifeFlight standard operating procedure (SOP)

Adult/Paediatric dosages

As per LifeFlight standard operating procedures (SOP)



May only be administered on the authority of a LifeFlight Retrieval Medical Officer whilst under direct supervision.

Contraindications

- 1st, 2nd stages of labour
- Pre-eclampsia
- Severe fibroids
- Multiple pregnancy
- Moderate-to-severe cardiac disease
- Severe peripheral vascular disease