Postpartum Pitocin Policy

40 units / 1000 cc of NS

**Start Infusion at:**

500 cc/hr for 1st hour

**then:**

125 cc/hr until for 4 hours

**If atony occurs:**

May increase Pitocin to rate of 1000 cc/hr for 15 minutes

Then return to 500 cc/hour for remainder of hour

**If atony still occurs then move to 2nd line agent:**

Cytotec 400 microgram orally (preferred)

Cytotec 800 micrograms rectally (preferred)

Hemabate 250 mcg IM q 15-90 min

(up to 8 doses; avoid if history of asthma)

Methergine 0.2 mg IM q 2-4 hrs

(avoid if BP ≥ 140/90 mmHg or ≤ 90/60 mmHg)