



Advisory 26-12 Oxytocin Dosing

To: All EMS Agencies

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The 2026 Obstetric: Hemorrhagic Shock protocol includes an error.

Oxytocin ***must not be administered as an IV bolus*** as it can cause severe hypotension. Do not IV push Oxytocin. Instead, Oxytocin is to be administered 10 units IM, followed by 20 units in 1 liter given wide open until bleeding is controlled.

The Protocol should read:

“Oxytocin⁺ 10 units IM followed by 20 units placed in 1 L normal saline and given wide open until bleeding significantly decreases”

At this time we do not know when State EMS will correct the protocol, however [regional education](#) on this topic has been updated to reflect the correct dosing.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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