



REGIONAL ADULT PARENTERAL DRUG MONOGRAPH

GENERIC NAME
carboprost

Effective Date: Mar12-2014	CLASSIFICATION Oxytocic	OTHER NAMES Hemabate, 15-methyl prostaglandin F2 alpha	PAGE
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ADMINISTRATION POLICY:

IM injection – Administration restricted to nurse in ED/LDRP

RECONSTITUTION/DILUTION/ADMINISTRATION:

Available as: 250 mcg/mL – 1 mL Keep in refrigerator. For DEEP IM use only (large muscle).

DOSAGE:

Usual: 250 mcg DEEP IM

Postpartum hemorrhage:

Repeat every 15 to 90 minutes until hemorrhage has stopped

Maximum single dose: 500 mcg

Maximum daily dose: For postpartum hemorrhage: 2 mg (8 doses)

PRECAUTIONS, POTENTIAL ADVERSE REACTIONS:

- Most common: diarrhea, nausea, vomiting. Prophylactic use of antidiarrheals (i.e. loperamide) or anti-emetics (metoclopramide, dimenhydrinate) may decrease severity or incidence.
- Less common: increased white cell count, transient hypertension/pyrexia

NOTE: bronchospasm, hypertension, vomiting and anaphylaxis may occur, particularly if medication is inadvertently injected intravenously

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND NURSING CONSIDERATIONS:

- May be used with oxytocin for postpartum hemorrhage.