

### Misoprostol for Induction of Labour

- Use misoprostol to ripen the cervix **only in highly selected situations** such as:
  - severe pre-eclampsia or eclampsia when the cervix is unfavourable and safe caesarean section is not immediately available or the baby is too premature to survive;
  - fetal death in-utero if the woman has not gone into spontaneous labour after 4 weeks and platelets are decreasing.
- Place misoprostol 25 mcg in the posterior fornix of the vagina. Repeat after 6 hours, if required;
- If there is **no response after two doses of 25 mcg**, increase to 50 mcg every 6 hours;
- Do not use more than 50 mcg at a time and do not exceed four doses (200 mcg).

**Do not use oxytocin within 8 hours of using misoprostol. Monitor uterine contractions and fetal heart rate.**