### MISOPROSTOL

#### Recommended Dosages 2012

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### 1st Trimester

#### 2nd Trimester

#### 3rd Trimester

#### Post-Partum

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**Notes**

1. Only use where legal and with mifepristone, where available
2. Included in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines
3. Leave to work for 1-2 weeks unless excessive bleeding or infection
4. Have dose if previous caesarean section or uterine scar
5. Make sure you use the correct dosage - overdose can lead to complications. Do not use if previous caesarean section

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**Abbreviations**

- pv - vaginal; sl - under the tongue; po - oral; PPH - post-partum haemorrhage; µg - microgramme

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**References**

- Gemzell-Danielsson et al. IJGO, 2007
- Gómez Ponce de León et al. IJGO, 2007
- WHO recommendations for induction of labour, 2011
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