

# Oxytocin

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Oxytocin is used to prevent and treat post-partum hemorrhage, the leading cause of maternal mortality worldwide causing nearly one out of five maternal deaths. Investing in quality oxytocin and ensuring appropriate supply chain practices can save lives and money in the long run.

## 1 Procure Quality

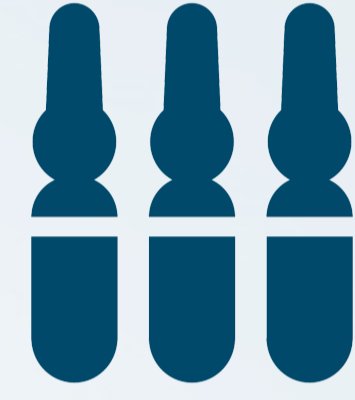
By relying on quality assured product, the dangers of low-quality oxytocin can be avoided.



Purchase only quality assured oxytocin

# 2-8°C

Labelled for storage at 2-8°C



Packaged in 10 IU ampoules

## 2 Keep It Cold

Oxytocin can be safely stored in vaccine cold chain as long as good storage practices are maintained and clear separation and labeling of products is ensured.



Efficacy and shelf life is dependent on an unbroken cold chain



Temperature monitoring

# EPI

Expanded Program on Immunization

Integrate oxytocin into EPI cold chain infrastructures

## 3 Ensure Availability

Quality oxytocin should be as available as high priority vaccines.

Procurement agents and supply chain managers must collaborate to ensure universal access to quality oxytocin.



# 1,400,000

If used appropriately, universal access to oxytocin could save 1.4 million lives over the next 10 years.