### Misoprostol

**Section:** 22. Medicines for reproductive health and perinatal care  >  22.3. Uterotonics

**Indication**
- Unspecified obstetric condition

**INN**
- Misoprostol

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Core

**Additional notes**
- Only for use for induction of labour where appropriate facilities are available.

**Formulations**
- Local > Vaginal > tablet: 25 µg

**EML status history**
- First added in 2005 (TRS 933)
- Changed in 2011 (TRS 965)

**Sex**
- Female

**Age**
- Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
- [Read more about patents.](#)

**Wikipedia**
- Misoprostol

**DrugBank**
- Misoprostol

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

As part of the recommendation to include misoprostol 200 mcg oral tablets on the EML for the prevention of post-partum haemorrhage, the Expert Committee recommended moving misoprostol from the complementary to the core list, and the addition of a note for the 25 microgram vaginal tablet stating "Only for use for induction of labour where appropriate facilities are available."