OB Oxytocin Challenge Test  Version 2  7/8/2014

Patient Placement

Patient Status
☐ Outpatient

Preferred Location/Unit
☐ Obstetrics

Nursing Orders
☐ Patient positioning - Left lateral position, right hip elevated approximately 10 cm or 30 degrees semi-Fowler
☐ Perform electronic fetal monitoring - for 20 minutes AND continue for 30 minutes after start of pitocin infusion
☐ If no regular contractions or late decelerations present then start pitocin
☐ Stop pitocin if late decelerations occur
☐ Notify provider
☐ WHEN OCT (Oxytocin Challenge Test) complete of test findings

IV Placement
☐ Peripheral IV insert/maintain

Medications
Parturifacient Agents: Oxytocics

Oxytocin in lactated ringers 20 unit/1,000 mL IV (PITOCIN)
☐ 2 milliunits/minute intravenously Increase at 30 minute intervals to obtain every 2-3 minute contractions
by using the following doses: 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 30 milliunits/minute