

Labour protocol for : **Type 1 diabetic patients post cesarian delivery.**

1. Monitor glucose every 2 hours until eating soft diet and then measure premeals and bedtime.
2. Continue IV glucose infusion at what ever rate was running at time of delivery.
3. When glucose level exceeds 8 mmol/L then restart IV insulin [50 Units Regular in 500 mls NaCl (N), i.e. 1 Unit = 10 mls] and infuse at 5 mls/hour.
4. Check capillary glucose every 2 hours except if glucose < 4.5 or > 12 mmol/L, in which case check glucose in 1 hour.
5. Adjust insulin infusion each time glucose is checked according to the following algorithm in Section A:

If glucose falls by more than 3 mmol/L between two consecutive readings go to Section B, otherwise use Section A.

Section A If Glucose is:

- ≤ 3.5 mmol/L Stop IV insulin infusion for one hour (repeat glucose in 1 hour)
- ≤ 3.6 - 4.5 mmol/L decrease IV insulin infusion by 5 ml/hour (repeat glucose in 1 hour)
- 4.6 - 6.0 mmol/L decrease IV insulin infusion by 3 mls/hour
- 6.1 - 9.0 mmol/L leave IV insulin infusion at the same infusion rate
- 9.1 - 12.0 mmol/L increase IV insulin infusion by 5 mls/hour
- 12.1 - 16 mmol/L increase IV insulin infusion by 10 mls/hour (repeat glucose in 1 hour)
- ≥ 16.1 mmol/L increase IV insulin infusion by 15 mls/hour, stop IV glucose for an hour and repeat glucose in 1 hour

Section B

If glucose falls by greater than 3 mmol/L between two consecutive readings, and is now

- ≥ 8.1 mmol/L decrease IV insulin infusion rate **to** 10 mls/hour.
- 5.0 - 8.0 - mmol/L decrease IV insulin infusion rate **to** 5 mls/hour
- < 5.0 mmol/L Stop IV insulin infusion for one hour and (repeat glucose in 1 hour)

Anytime insulin infusion is stopped and glucose rises > 8.0 mmol/L, restart insulin at 5 ml/hour

6. Restart subcutaneous insulin at doses provided on order sheet for Diabetes in Pregnancy (Type 1 diabetes) when soft diet tolerated.

Date: _____

Signed: _____