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Subject: Re: postpartum hemorrhage

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I couldn't agree more that we need a question on prophylactic uterotonics in the DHS - which is why we conducted a validation study of women's recall/ability to report on various aspects of intrapartum care in Mozambique (published in PLoS One and included in the PLoS MED supplement on improving the measurement of health care coverage via population-based surveys). Unfortunately, reporting on prophylactic use of uterotonics was very poor and we could not recommend its inclusion in the next round of DHS or MICS surveys, much to our disappointment. Our conclusion was that perhaps if there were a big push re: patient education so that they should expect to receive an injection immediately following birth, that reporting might improve. However, much of the oxytocin given in hospitals is given via IV and that would be even more difficult to report on. Sadly, I think data on prophylactic uterotonics will have to come from health facility-based data.

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