**Actim Partus** test is a fast and simple bedside test that can efficiently rule out the risk of imminent or preterm delivery. It helps to identify patients who are most in need of urgent treatment.

Preterm delivery (PTD) is a serious pregnancy complication and a major cause of infant deaths. 50% of pregnant women experience preterm contractions, yet only 20% of them actually deliver preterm.

Identifying the patients who are truly at risk of imminent or preterm delivery will improve patient care, and also save hospitals valuable time and resources.
IGFBP-1 is a protein produced by human decidua. The decidual form of IGFBP-1 is highly phosphorylated (phIGFBP-1) and differs from the IGFBP-1 present in amniotic fluid (less- and non-phosphorylated forms). These different forms can be distinguished by using different pairs of monoclonal antibodies. Actim Partus detects the phosphorylated form of Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 1, phIGFBP-1.

When there are clinically significant changes in the fetal membranes due to contractions, the decidua and chorion start to detach causing decidual cells to break. This causes phIGFBP-1 to leak into the cervix. Actim Partus can identify this simply through the use of a cervical swab sample (Figure 1).

WHY phIGFBP-1 IS A RELIABLE MARKER

Actim Partus detects the phIGFBP-1 in cervical fluid extract at concentrations of ≥ 10 µg/l, which indicate tissue disruption that can lead to preterm delivery. Actim Partus recognizes these changes even before the signs are clinically visible.

Most women remain sexually active during pregnancy. With Actim Partus test there is no need to exclude these patients as recent intercourse does not interfere with the test. This is because semen and urine do not contain detectable amounts of IGFBP-1.

Clinical evidence of Actim Partus as a predictor of delivery within 7 days

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It can often be a challenge to know the difference between patients having ineffective contractions and those at real risk of Preterm Delivery (PTD). Consequently, prolonged and often unnecessary costly hospital admissions and potentially harmful treatments are all too common.

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- There are changes in fetal membranes (detachment of decidua and chorion) that indicate increased risk of PTD.
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8 WAYS ACTIM PARTUS CAN BENEFIT YOUR HOSPITAL AND YOUR PATIENTS

- It helps to stop unnecessary hospital stays
- It helps to stop unnecessary patient transfers
- It helps to stop unnecessary medications
- It allows you to focus on those who really need medical attention
- It allows correct treatment to be provided on time
- It clarifies the timeframe for preparing the fetus for delivery
- It helps to stop side effects from unnecessary medication
- It reduces stress for mothers and families

COST SAVINGS

IMPROVED PATIENT CARE
HOW TO USE ACTIM PARTUS

- One-step dipstick test - very easy to use
- Sampling takes only seconds
- Fast results at the bedside in just 5 minutes
- Test kit contains all the necessary materials

1. Collect sample
2. Extract Specimen
3.–4. Activate the test
5. Result interpretation

Technical information

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Actim Partus Controls 31900ETAC
Actim Partus Sample Collection kit 31935ETAC

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