

Medications in Pregnancy

Most people try to avoid medications in pregnancy, but many are safe - please tell us what you are taking (including herbal medications) so we can advise you of any risks.

Here is a list of common over-the-counter medications that are safe in pregnancy. Please follow instructions on the label for dosages.

For colds and congestion:

Chlor-trimeton Lozenges

Benadryl Claritin/Zyrtec

Robitussin Saline nasal spray

Zicam Lozenges Vicks Vapor Rub

Mucinex (extended release)

After 12 weeks, Sudafed, Mucinex DM and Robitussin DM and CF are safe

For intestinal issues:

Constipation: Senekot, Colace

Fiber Supplements: Metamucil, Fibercon, Citrucel

Diarrhea: Imodium

Hemorrhoids: Preparation H, Anusol or Tucks pads

Indigestion: TUMS, Maalox or Mylanta

Mylicon Gas X

Heartburn: Pepcid or Zantac

Nausea: Vitamin B6 50mg and/or Unisom up to three(3) times a day

Sea Bands Peppermint

Ginger

Please avoid Alka Seltzer and Pepto-Bismal

For aches and pains:

Tylenol (Extra Strength is OK)

Please avoid Aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen and Aleve

For insomnia:

Melatonin Unisom

Tylenol PM or Benadryl may be used occasionally

Dental instructions:

You may have dental x-rays if the abdomen is shielded. Local anesthetic is okay, but avoid epinephrine.

Please call (703) 359-5900 during business hours if you have any questions.