

MEDICATION INFORMATION

Welcome! We want to make sure you understand your medications. Here is a quick reference guide comprised of common medications that your provider may order for you and your baby during your stay. We'd love to answer any questions you have.





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What are they for and what are some possible side effects?

LABOR AND DELIVERY MEDICATIONS

PITOCIN

Used to start contractions or prevent bleeding after delivery.

Possible side effects:

Upset stomach or throwing up.

CYTOTEC

Used to prep the cervix for labor.

Possible side effects:

Cramps. Upset stomach.

CERVIDIL

Used to prep the cervix for labor.

Possible side effects:

Diarrhea, upset stomach, or throwing up.

ANCEF

Antibiotic.

Possible side effects:

Diarrhea, upset stomach.

AMPICILLIN

Antibiotic.

Possible side effects:

Diarrhea, upset stomach.

SCOPOLAMINE

Used to prevent upset stomach and throwing up from surgery.

Possible side effects:

Dry mouth, feeling dizzy.

POSTPARTUM MEDICATIONS

COLACE

Used to treat constipation.

Possible side effects:

Stomach cramps, diarrhea.

ZOFRAN

Used to treat nausea and vomiting.

Possible side effects:

Headache, feeling tired or weak, diarrhea or constipation.

MYLICON

Used to treat gas pain.

Possible side effects:

None reported.

TORADOL

Used to treat pain, non-opioid.

Possible side effects:

Headache, upset stomach.

OXYCODONE

Opioid pain medicine.

Possible side effects:

Dizziness, headache, itching, constipation.

GABAPENTIN

Treats nerve pain.

Possible side effects:

Feeling dizzy, sleepy, tired, or weak, diarrhea, upset stomach.

MEDICATIONS GIVEN ON BOTH UNITS

LABETALOL

Treats high blood pressure.

Possible side effects:

Feeling dizzy, tired, or weak, upset stomach.

MAGNESIUM

Prevents seizures related to high blood pressure in pregnancy.

Possible side effects:

Feeling hot, blurry vision, nausea.

TRAMADOL

Opioid pain medicine.

Possible side effects:

Constipation, diarrhea, headache.

HYDRALAZINE

Treats high blood pressure.

Possible side effects:

Headache, diarrhea, upset stomach, or throwing up.

MOTRIN

Treats pain or fever.

Possible side effects:

Constipation, diarrhea, upset stomach, heartburn.

PROCARDIA

Treats high blood pressure.

Possible side effects:

Feeling dizzy, headache.

BABY MEDICATIONS

HEPATITIS B VACCINE

Vaccine to prevent, hepatitis B.

Possible side effects:

Feeling fussy, mild fever.

VITAMIN K

Prevents excessive bleeding in newborn babies.

Possible side effects:

Redness or swelling at injection site.

ERYTHROMYCIN

Prevents eye infections.

Possible side effects:

Eye irritation and redness.

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