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Possible Side Effects of Commonly Used Medications on the Maternity Unit

Pain Medication

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) – Liver damage can rarely occur
- Darvocet – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, feeling dizzy, nausea, or vomiting, and constipation. Liver damage can occur rarely.
- Dilaudid (narcotic) – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, feeling dizzy, nausea, or vomiting, and constipation.
- Ibuprofen (Motrin) – Belly pain, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and constipation
- Morphine Sulfate – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, feeling dizzy, nausea, or vomiting, dry mouth and constipation.
- Percocet – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, feeling dizzy, nausea, or vomiting, and constipation. Liver damage can occur rarely.
- Toradol – Headache, belly pain, nauseas or vomiting and diarrhea

Constipation/indigestion medication

- Colace – Belly pain
- Dulcolax – Belly pain, gas, and stomach cramps
- Maalox Plus – Abnormal taste, constipation, and diarrhea
- Milk of Magnesium – Abnormal taste and diarrhea
- Senokot – Belly pain, nausea, or vomiting, cramps, diarrhea, and change in color of urine or stool

Nausea/vomiting medications

- Phenergan – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, feeling dizzy, constipation, and dry mouth
- Reglan – Feeling light-headed, sleepy, blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly, headache, belly ache, diarrhea, restlessness, and an inability to sleep
- Zofran – Headache, feeling tired or weak, constipation, feeling dizzy, feeling light-headed, sleepy, and blurred vision or a change in thinking clearly. A fast, harmful heartbeat can occur.

Topical anesthetics

- Benzocaine Spray – Skin irritation
- Dibucaine Cream – Skin irritation

Vitamins/supplements

- Ferrous sulfate – Belly pain, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, and black stools
- Prenatal Vitamins – Nausea or vomiting and constipation

High blood pressure medication

- Labetalol – Feeling dizzy, nausea or vomiting, and feeling tired and weak.
- Procardia – Feeling dizzy, nausea or vomiting, flushing, headache, constipation or swelling