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, 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