



Medicine Guidelines for Pregnancy

The following over-the-counter medications are safest to use during pregnancy for the corresponding common pregnancy ailments. Please note that no drug can be considered 100% safe to use during pregnancy. You may need a prescription strength medication if your symptoms do not improve or worsen.

Heartburn/Indigestion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaviscon (aluminum hydroxide & magnesium carbonate)• Maalox (aluminum hydroxide & magnesium hydroxide)• Mylanta (calcium carbonate/magnesium carbonate)• Tums (calcium carbonate)• Zantac (ranitidine)• Pepcid (famotidine)	Cold/Flu <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tylenol (acetaminophen)• Mucinex (guaifenesin)• Benadryl (diphenhydramine)• Robitussin (Dextromethorphan)• Vicks Vapor Rub (mentholated cream)• Chloraseptic throat spray• Cough drops• Saline nasal spray	Constipation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colace (docusate)• Citrucel (methylcellulose)• Fibercon (polycarbophil)• Metamucil (psyllium)• MiraLAX (polyethylene glycol)
Seasonal Allergies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benadryl (diphenhydramine)• Claritin (loratadine)• Zyrtec (cetirizine)	Skin Rashes/Itching <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aveeno, Calamine lotion, Aquaphor, Eucerin• Benadryl• 1% hydrocortisone cream• Oatmeal baths	Pain/Fever <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tylenol (Acetaminophen) <p>*avoid aspirin or NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as Advil (ibuprofen), Aleve (naproxen sodium))</p>
Headaches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magnesium (400 mg three times a day)• Natural Calm (magnesium powder)• Tylenol	Diarrhea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imodium (loperamide)• Pepto Bismol/Kaopectate (bismuth subsalicylate)	Nausea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vitamin B6 (25 MG, 3 times a day)• Unisom (doxylamine) ½ tablet
Hemorrhoids <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tucks (witch hazel)• Preparation H (Phenylephrine/mineral oil/petrolatum)	Vaginal Itch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vagisil• Hydrocortisone cream	Muscle aches/pain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Icy Hot• BENGAY
Lice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nix/Rid (permethrin)	Yeast <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monistat (miconazole)	Tooth/Gum pain <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orajel
Gas/bloating <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas-X (Simethicone)	First Aid Ointment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neosporin (neomycin/polymyxin B/bacitracin)	Sleep <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benadryl (diphenhydramine)• Unisom (doxylamine)