DENTAL PHARMACOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

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MAY BE USED

MAY BE USED IN SHORT DURATION AVOID OR NEVER USE

Analgesics*

- Acetaminophen
- Acetaminophen with Codeine, Hydrocodone, or Oxycodone

48 to 72 hrs, avoid during 1st and 3rd trimesters

- Aspirin
- Ibuprofen
- Naproxen

Antibiotics

Anesthetics

Therapeutic Agents

- Amoxicillin
- Cephalosporins
- Clindamycin
- Metronidazole
- Penicillin

Avoid!

- Ciprofloxacin
- Clarithromycin
- Levofloxacin
- Moxifloxacin

- with Epinephrine (e.g., Lidocaine)
- Nitrous Oxide

Consult with a prenatal provider before using nitrous oxide, intravenous sedation, or general anesthesia.

Never Use!

Tetracycline

- Chlorhexidine mouth rinse
- Professionallyapplied topical fluorides

Use alcohol-free products during pregnancy.

*Oral pain can often be managed with non-opioid medication. If opioids are used, prescribe the lowest dose for the shortest duration (usually less than 3 days) and avoid issuing refills to reduce risk for dependency.

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