

- Sulfonamides:

Pregnancy Category C

- Readily cross the placenta
- Concerns of use at term

Lactation

- Excreted into breastmilk in low levels
- Use should be avoided in premature infants

- Tetracyclines :

- Pregnancy Category C

- Readily cross the placenta
- Concerns of use at term

- Lactation

- Excreted into breastmilk in low levels
- Use should be avoided in premature infants

- Aztreonam

- Pregnancy Category B, likely safe in pregnancy, little human data
- Lactation – Compatible per AAP

- Clindamycin

- Pregnancy Category B, commonly used
- Lactation – Compatible per AAP

- Linezolid

- Pregnancy Category C, no human data available
- Lactation – unknown, myelosuppression in animals

- Metronidazole

- Pregnancy Category B, carcinogenic in animals, avoid in 1st trimester if possible
- Lactation – hold feeds for 12-24hrs afterward

- Nitrofurantoin

- Pregnancy Category B, possible hemolytic anemia with use at term

admitted to the hospital for intravenous (IV) fluid and electrolyte replacement. Antiemetics, which are generally third-line therapy, are given to women who do not respond to IV replacement. Clinical data to support the safety and efficacy of these drugs are minimal and use of the following medications should still be exercised with caution (**See Table 2**). Currently, no medications are approved for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in pregnant women. One other suggested therapy involves giving antihistamines in the morning to prevent nausea and vomiting. If hyperemesis is resistant to conventional treatment, then the use of ondansetron or corticosteroids may be considered.

Table 2: Drugs Used in the Management of Nausea and Vomiting During Pregnancy

Drug	Pregnancy Risk Category
Metoclopramide (Reglan [®])	B
Cyclizine (Marezine [®])	B
Ondansetron (Zofran [®])	B
Promethazine (Phenergan [®])	C
Prochlorperazine (Compazine [®])	C
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine [®])	C

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