

NAME OF DRUG	CLASSIFICATION	MECHANISM OF ACTION	CONTRAINDICATIONS	INDICATION, ROUTE & DOSAGE	SIDE & ADVERSE EFFECTS	NURSING RESPONSIBILITIES
Methylethylergonovine maleate (Methergine)	Therapeutic: Antihemorrhagic Pregnancy Category: C	Increases motor activity of the uterus by direct stimulation	-before delivery of placenta -threatened for spontaneous delivery -induction of labor -hypersensitivity to methergine or any of its components	I: Prevent and treat postpartum hemorrhage by uterine atony or subinvolution R: IM injection D: 0.2 mg q 2 – 4 hrs. to maximum of 5 doses	CNS: Dizziness, Headache CV: Hypertension, Palpitation RESP: Dyspnea EENT: Tinnitus GI: Nausea, Vomiting SKIN: Diaphoresis	-monitor BP, PR and uterine response -report any sudden change in vital signs or frequent periods of uterine relaxation -drug should not be routinely administered IV because of the risk of severe hypertension and cerebrovascular accident -if the drug must be given IV, slowly administer over 1 min. with careful BP monitoring -Store IV solution below 8 degrees (46.4 F) Discard if drug becomes discolored.