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Common Concerns During Pregnancy



Your doctors prefer that you avoid medications during pregnancy. However, if you have a persistent problem with any of the following conditions, you may take these over-the-counter medications.

Please follow manufacturer's instructions.

Simple Headaches:

REGULAR TYLENOL as directed. Notify your doctor's office if severe headaches persist.

Sinus Congestion:

Rest and drink plenty of fluids. You may use plain SUDAFED, ACTIFED, or TYLENOL SINUS. If you have a prescription for allergies, you may use CLARITIN "D" or REGULAR CLARITIN.

Cough:

Warm mist humidifier or hot shower to loosen congestion. REGULAR ROBITUSSIN or ROBITUSSIN DM cough syrups may be used.

Sore Throat:

Warm saltwater gargles several times a day. You may use CHLORASEPTIC lozenges or spray, CEPASTAT or CEPACOL as directed.

Fever (less than 100° orally):

REGULAR TYLENOL as directed on the label. DO NOT take aspirin during pregnancy. Notify your doctor's office if fever is greater than 100° for more than 12 hours.



Constipation:

Drink plenty of fluids. Increase the amount of fiber in your diet. Plenty of bran, fresh fruits, and green leafy vegetables, raisins, plums, and prune juice are excellent sources of natural laxatives. If above measures do not relieve symptoms, you may try COLACE, MILK OF MAGNESIA, or the generic equivalent as directed.

Back Aches:

These are common as your pregnancy progresses. Try a warm bath or shower, heating pad, and a GOOD back rub! REGULAR TYLENOL, in combination with localized heat, is often effective.

Hemorrhoids:

These may occur as your pregnancy progresses. PREPARATION "H" or ANUSOL may be used as directed.

Head Lice:

Okay to treat Mom and child with RID as directed.

Heartburn:

Delete spicy and gas-forming foods from your diet. Never lie down immediately after a large meal. This may make your discomfort worse. You may take SODIUM-FREE RIOPAN, MYLANTA II, TUMS or PEPCID AC as directed.

Gas:

This is very common as your pregnancy progresses. MYLICON may be taken as directed.

Diarrhea:

If this occurs during your pregnancy, IMMODIUM A.D. or KAOPECTATE may be taken as directed.

Pelvic Discomfort:

In all stages of pregnancy, especially the first trimester, many women complain of pulling or stretching sensations in the pelvis and groin area. This is a common complaint, and most often it is due to the stretching of ligaments and muscles surrounding the growing uterus. Notify your doctor if you have any other pain in the abdomen that is severe or unrelenting.

Spotting:

After the Pap smear is taken in early pregnancy or a cervical exam is performed near term, you may have some spotting (very light vaginal bleeding). Be assured this is not unusual because of the extreme sensitivity of the cervix during pregnancy. Report any HEAVY bleeding or passage of clots to your doctor.

Cramping:

It is not unusual to experience mild menstrual-like cramping in the lower abdomen during pregnancy. Report any SEVERE cramping or cramps associated with vaginal bleeding to your doctor.

*Prenatal massages are available at
Watson Clinic's Bella Vista Spa: 863-904-6250.*

