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# Safe Medications for Breastfeeding Mothers Cheat Sheet by [deleted] via cheatography.com/2754/cs/6255/

## Safe Medications

Acyclovir
Advil (Ibuprofen)
Albuterol
Allopurinol
Amoxicillin
Augmenin
Ampicillin
Ancef (Cefazolin)
Atrovent
Bactrim *after 2 months old
Bactroban (Mupirocin)
Barium
Benedryl (Diphenhydramine)
Biaxin (Clarithromycin)
Ceftin (Cefprozil)
Claritin (Loratidine)
Colace (Docusate)
Coumadin (Warfarin)

#### **Medication Reducing Milk Production**

- Antihistamines
- Sedating medications
- Some decongestants
- Some weight loss medications
- Diuretics
- Very high doses of vitamin B6
- Hormonal contraceptives containing

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- estrogen
- Nicotine
- Ergot alkaloids

## Dextromethorphan

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Difcucan (Fluconasole) Domperidone Elimite (Permethrin) Flouride Gentamicin Heparin Hydrocortisone Cream \*Topical Imitrex (Sumatriptan) Imodium (Loperamide) Insulin Kaopectate Macrobid/Macrodantin (Nitrofurantoin) Maalox (Loperamide) Milk of Magnesia Monostat (Miconazole) Motrin (Ibuprofen) Nix (Permethrin)

### Herbal Supplements - Warning

In general most herbal supplements have not been studied and as a result have not been approved by the FDA. **Their effect on nursing babies is unknown.** 

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Nystatin

Omnicef (Cefdinir) Pepcid (Famotidine) Robitussin (Guaifenesin) Rocephin (Ceftriaxone) Scopolamine Patch Septra \*after 2 months old Suprax (Cefixime) Synthroid (Lefothyroxine) Tagamet (Cimetidine) Tylenol Valtrex (Valcycolvir) **Xopenex** Zantac (Ranitidine) Zithromax (Azithromycin) Zyrtec (Cefirizine) Over the Counter Cough/Cold/Sore Throat Remedies

## **About Anti-Depressants**

Medications such as anti-depressants (Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil) are in a category in which there are either no controlled studies in breastfeeding women, or controlled studies show only minimal non-threatening adverse effects. Because there are not enough studies to deem them "safe", each patient must weigh whether the potential benefit of taking the medication justifies the potential risk to the baby. Consult your physician.

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