

Drugs Considered Safe in Pregnancy

Amoxycillin, Ampicillin, Cephalosporins, Erythromycin

Levothyroxine

Acetaminophen (Note: Prenatal exposure of acetaminophen during 18 and 32 weeks of pregnancy may increase the risk of hyperactivity and behavioral problems in children according to a study published in JAMA Pediatrics.)

Folic Acid and Vitamin B6

Methyl dopa, and hydralazine

Insulin

Heparin

Drugs Contraindicated in Pregnancy

Thalidomide – Seal like limbs and other defects

Diethylstilbestrol – Causes cancer of the vagina or cervix in female children during their teenage years

Warfarin – Causes multiple birth defects

Danazol – Causes malformations in sex organs of female fetus

Simvastatin and other statins – Cholesterol is needed for fetal growth and its reduction by statins could harm the fetus

Testosterone - Can cause birth defects

Oral contraceptives- Can cause birth defects

Dutasteride - Affects the sex organ development of the male fetus.

Methotrexate – Causes cleft palate along with multiple defects