

OB MEDICATIONS

DRUG CLASS	INDICATION	NURSING CONSIDERATIONS
Tocolytics	Prevent premature labor by suppressing uterine contractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left side-lying is best • Fetal monitoring • Monitor hemodynamics
Corticosteroids	Accelerate fetal lung maturity and decrease respiratory distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor blood glucose • Monitor for infection • Monitor lung sounds
Magnesium Sulfate	Used as an anticonvulsant in the pregnant patient to prevent eclampsia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor muscular reflexes • Monitor magnesium levels • Antidote = calcium gluconate
Opioid Analgesics	Acute pain relief during labor and delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor pain levels • Monitor respiratory status • Antidote = naloxone
Prostaglandins	Cervical ripening, Stimulate uterine contractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contraindicated with any bleeding • Not given with c-section • Bedrest for 30 minutes
Uterine Stimulants	Uterine stimulant to induce labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe cramping • Fetal monitoring • Monitor hemodynamics
Meds for PPH	Uterine stimulant to stop postpartum hemorrhage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May increase blood pressure • Monitor hemodynamics • Monitor bleeding
Rh Immune Globulin	Given to prevent erythroblastosis fetalis from blood incompatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given to O- (Rh negative) mothers • At 28 weeks and 72 hours after delivery
Lung Surfactant	Given to newborns to replenish lung surface tension & prevent distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caution in volume overload • Newborn will have ET Tube • Monitor respiratory status
Eye Prophylaxis for Newborn	Given to protect from neonatal conjunctivitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean eyes first • Do not wipe or flush eyes • Give within 1 hour after birth
Phytonadione	Correct Vitamin K deficiency to prevent bleeding complications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM injection in newborn's thigh • Monitor for hyperbilirubinemia • Given shortly after birth
Hep B Vaccine	Given to provide immunity from Hepatitis B Virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give within 12 hours after birth • Give immune globulin if mother has HBV • Document refusal per policies