

Info on selected pain medications

The information summarized below is *only a general overview* of selected pain medications. For detailed information on the specific drugs or for information on drugs not listed here, please review the references listed below with your health care provider.

Info on selected medications used for pain relief				
Name of medication	AAP approved?*	Pregnancy Risk Category **	Lactation Risk Category **	Notes
Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Approved	B	L1	
Aspirin	Caution	C (1st, 2nd trim.) D (3rd trim.)	L3	1
Azapropazone (Rheumox)	Approved	-	L2	
Butalbital (Fioricet, Fiorinal, Bancap, Two-dyne)	NR	D	L3	2
Butorphanol (Stadol)	Approved	B (1st, 2nd trim.) D (3rd trim.)	L3	
Celecoxib (Celebrex) (FDA safety info)	NR	C	L2	
Codeine (in Tylenol #3, #4)	Approved	C	L3	3
Colchicine	Approved	D	L4	
Diclofenac (Cataflam, Voltaren)	NR	B	L2	
Fentanyl (Sublimaze)	Approved	B	L2	
Flurbiprofen (Ansaid, Froben, Ocufen)	NR	B (1st, 2nd trim.) C (3rd trim.)	L2	
Hydrocodone (Lortab, Vicodin)	NR	B	L3	4
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)	NR	C	L3	5
Ibuprofen (Advil, Nuprin, Motrin, Pediaprofen)	Approved	B (1st, 2nd trim.) D (3rd trim.)	L1	
Indomethacin (Indocin)	Approved	B (1st, 2nd trim.) D (3rd trim.)	L3	
Ketorolac (Toradol, Acular)	Approved	B (1st, 2nd trim.) D (3rd trim.)	L2	
Meperidine (Demerol)	Approved	B	L2 ; L3 early postpartum	6
Methadone (Dolophine)	Approved	B	L3	7
Morphine	Approved	B	L3	8

(Duramorph, Infumorph, Epimorph, MS Contin)				
Nalbuphine (Nubain)	NR	B	L2	
Naproxen (Anaprox, Naprosyn, Naproxen, Aleve)	Approved	B	L3; L4 for chronic use	9
Nefopam (Acupan)	Approved	-	NR	
Oxycodone (Tylox, Percodan, Oxycontin, Roxicet, Endocet, Roxiprin, Percocet)	NR	B	L3	10
Pentosan polysulfate (Elmiron)	NR	B	L2	
Piroxicam (Feldene)	Approved	B	L2	
Propoxyphene (Darvocet N, Propacet, Darvon)	Approved	C	L2	11
Rofecoxib (Vioxx)	Withdrawn from the market			12
Secobarbital (Seconal)	Approved	D	L3	13
Tolmetin (Tolectin)	Approved	C	L3	
Tramadol HCL (Ultram, Ultracet)	NR	C	L3	14
Valdecoxib (Bextra) (FDA safety info)	Withdrawn from the market			more

* Per the AAP Policy Statement [The Transfer of Drugs and Other Chemicals Into Human Milk](#), revised September 2001.

- **Approved:** (Table 6) [Maternal Medication Usually Compatible With Breastfeeding](#)
- **Caution:** (Table 5) [Drugs That Have Been Associated With Significant Effects on Some Nursing Infants and Should Be Given to Nursing Mothers With Caution](#)
- NR: Not Reviewed. This drug has not yet been reviewed by the AAP.

** Per *Medications' and Mothers' Milk* by Thomas Hale, PhD (2004 edition).

Lactation Risk Categories	Pregnancy Risk Categories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L1 (safest) • L2 (safer) • L3 (moderately safe) • L4 (possibly hazardous) • L5 (contraindicated) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A (controlled studies show no risk) • B (no evidence of risk in humans) • C (risk cannot be ruled out) • D (positive evidence of risk) • X (contraindicated in pregnancy)
NR: Not Reviewed. This drug has not yet been reviewed by Hale.	