



MEDICATION SAFETY

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Reference	Country	Free Access	Comments
Australian Medicines Handbook	Australia	No	Brief recommendations available
Drugs in pregnancy and Lactation: A reference guide to fetal and neonatal risk Briggs, Freeman, Yaffe	USA	No	Thorough review of published clinical literature Summary provided
Therapeutic Guidelines	Australia	No	Clinical recommendations for management of disease types ADEC classifications for pregnancy Brief recommendations of breastfeeding
Reprotox/TERIS	USA	No	Thorough review of published clinical literature
Motherisk	Canada	Yes	Online Links to studies undertaken by motherisk team Does not include all medications
MothertoBaby	USA/ Canada	Yes ^a	Online Factsheets suitable for patients Does not include all medications
Specialised Medicines Information Centres	Australia	Yes ^a	Answer queries from general public and healthcare professionals
Perinatal Psychotropic Medicines Information Service RWH, Victoria	Australia	Yes ^a	Online Summaries of published clinical literature Includes pre pregnancy commentary Fact sheets suitable for patients Only psychotropic

			medications
Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicine Guide RWH, Victoria	Australia	No ^b	Print only Clinical recommendations Extensive revision in 2014
Lactmed	USA	Yes ^a	Online App available, free Clinical summaries and recommendations Lactation ONLY
Medications and Mother's Milk Thomas Hale	USA	No	Print and online Clinical summaries and recommendations Lactation ONLY
Prescribing medicines in pregnancy database	Australia	Yes	Online ADEC categories Preamble outlines limitations Very brief practice points for some medications

^a Extremely useful resource, recommended

^b Highly recommended resource

REFERENCES (STANDARDS)

National Standards –4 Medication Safety

Legislation - Nil

Related Guidelines / Policies – [Pharmacy and Medication Guidelines](#)

Other related documents – Nil

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