

Medicines for breastfeeding women: risky business?

Abstract

In the postpartum period, many women experience conditions which require treatment with medicines, such as analgesics or antibiotics. However, pharmaceutical companies remain cautious about the use of medicines in women who are lactating. Their advice to physicians is usually to weigh the risks against the benefits. Yet, what are these risks and benefits? This presentation will discuss these issues and present results from a survey investigating Victorian general practitioners' attitudes and management of medicines for breastfeeding women.

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