Objectives

- Identify risks associated with prescribing opioids in pregnancy.
- Describe management approaches for pregnant patients on chronic opioid therapy.
- Outline the type of medication commonly used for pain management in pregnancy.
- Discuss risk of prescribing pain medications in pregnancy.

Content Outline

1. Risks of Prescribing Opioids During Pregnancy and Postpartum
   1.1 Misprescription
   1.2 Misuse, Addiction and Dependence
   1.3 Overdose
   1.4 Children and Adolescent Vulnerabilities
   1.5 Periconception concerns

2. Management of Patients on Chronic Opioid Therapy
   2.1 Pregnant patient
   2.2 Postpartum patient
   2.3 Minimizing Risks

3. Commonly Used Drugs During Pregnancy and Lactation
   3.1 NDAIDs
   3.2 Opioid analgesics
   3.3 Local anesthetics
   3.4 Steroids
   3.5 Benzodiazepines
   3.6 Antidepressants
   3.7 Anticonvulsants
   3.8 Ergot alkaloids
   3.9 Caffeine
   3.10 Sumatriptan
   3.11 Beta blockers

Reading Material Resources

Module WB1711: Pharmacology in Pregnancy is based on the resources listed below. A copy of the resources are included with the module.
