

# Patient Safety Notice

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## **Re: Medication administration during pregnancy**

A potential patient safety issue was brought to PHECC's attention in relation to the administration of medications to pregnant patients.

Following discussion with Dr Mick Molloy, Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee and Mr Mark Doyle, Medical Advisor to the Director it was agreed to issue a safety notice to all licenced CPG providers and RIs involved with practitioner training.

**Medications should be prescribed in pregnancy only if the expected benefit to the mother is thought to be greater than the risk to the foetus, and all medications should be avoided if possible during the first trimester. PHECC practitioners therefore should avoid using medications in early pregnancy unless absolutely essential and where possible medical oversight should be sought prior to administration.**

Yours sincerely,



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