

Finding Lactation Safety Information

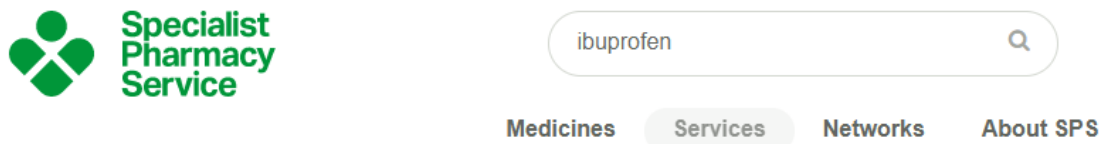
Overview

The Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) covers a wide range of information from various Pharmacy specialities— Medicines Use and Safety (MUS), Procurement, Quality Assurance (QA), and the UK Medicines Information (UKMi) network.

Information from the UK Drugs in lactation Advisory Service (UKDILAS), part of UKMi, is included on this website. This leaflet gives a quick guide for the best way of finding the lactation safety information.

How to search

The information sits under each individual ‘monograph’ heading. Type in the medicine you are interested in, into the search bar:



From the list that is displayed, you will see the drug monograph (ignore all the other results). Click on the ‘Lactation Safety Information’ button.

9 results for ibuprofen

“ibuprofen” ✕ Clear filters

Medicines **Ibuprofen**
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23rd September 2015 **Can breastfeeding mothers take ibuprofen?**
Ibuprofen is one of the painkillers of choice whilst breastfeeding. This Medicines Q&A evaluates the available evidence for the safety of ibuprofen in breastfeeding mothers, ... [Edit This](#)

20th May 2012 **Safety in Lactation: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs**
There is very limited information on the use of NSAIDs during breastfeeding; ibuprofen and diclofenac are the preferred choices due to their extensive safe use...

20th May 2012 **Safety in Lactation: Antimigraine drugs**
If simple analgesics, e.g. paracetamol and ibuprofen, are insufficient to treat symptoms, sumatriptan is the drug of choice for the treatment of acute migraine. Although...

18th March 2015 **What is the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding associated with selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)?**
Observational study results have indicated that there is an association between the use of SSRIs and upper GI bleeds, with a number needed to harm...

7th April 2020 **Lithium drug monitoring during COVID-19 for stable adult patients**

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Acetofenac (1)
Acemetacin (1)
Almotriptan (1)
Botulinum A toxin (1)
Celecoxib (1)
Citalopram (1)
Clonidine (1)

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Q&A (2)

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This will take you to the correct part of the monograph:

Use when breastfeeding	Yes
Comments	Extensive experience of safe use in breastfeeding Limited published evidence of safety No adverse effects reported in breastfed infants Negligible amounts in breast milk
Therapeutic group summary	Safety in Lactation: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
Reviewed	28th May 2020
Evidence link	Q&A

Within this section there are links to further information, such as the **Therapeutic Group Summary**, which provides an overview on the use in lactation of that particular therapeutic group of medicines, and relevant Medicines **Q & A's**.

Example of a therapeutic Group Summary:

Safety in Lactation: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

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There is very limited information on the use of NSAIDs during breastfeeding; ibuprofen and diclofenac are the preferred choices due to their extensive safe use during breastfeeding in clinical practice. If a cyclo-oxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor is required, the preferred choice is celecoxib. If a non-preferred NSAID is required, monitor the infant for gastro-intestinal side-effects, and avoid drugs with a long half-life, where possible, due to the potential risk of accumulation in the infant.

[Aceclofenac](#)
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[Celecoxib](#)
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[Fenoprofen](#)
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[Meloxicam](#)
[Nabumetone](#)
[Naproxen](#)
[Piroxicam](#)
[Sulindac](#)
[Tenoxicam](#)
[Tiaprofenic acid](#)

Although the Therapeutic Group Summaries and the Q & As can be accessed via other searching options, it is always advisable to go to the main 'monograph' entry first, and link through to this additional information .