

PREGNANCY, CONTRACEPTION AND BREASTFEEDING

You should prevent pregnancy while taking TB medicines. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you are trying to get pregnant.

Some TB medicine causes birth control pills to not work as well. You should use other methods of birth control to prevent pregnancy. For more information or to obtain birth control, talk to your doctor or nurse, or go to a Healthy Sexuality Clinic. If you need information about contraception or where you can find a Healthy Sexuality Clinic, call 905-799-7700.

Women with active TB disease who are pregnant or breastfeeding should be followed by a doctor who is an expert in the treatment of TB. The doctor will recommend which TB antibiotics are safe for use during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

A newborn baby should be examined for TB if the mother had active TB disease while pregnant or shortly after giving birth. The small amount of TB medicine found in breast milk of mothers taking TB medicines will not prevent or treat TB in their breastfeeding infant.