Community Campus Family Birth Center
Examples of Possible Medications during your time at the Family Birth Center: Antibiotics, Pain medications, Labor Augmentation, Antinausea medications

Possible Antibiotics - Kefzol, Gentamycin, Penicillin, Ampicillin, Ciproflaxin, Flagyl, Erythromycin,
Use – treats or prevents bacterial infection
Possible Side Effects – nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Possible Narcotic Pain Medications - Butorphanol (Stadol), Fentanyl
Use – to ease or relieve pain
Possible Side Effects – dizziness, sleepy, shallow breathing, unable to think logically, weak, changes in eyesight, headache, constipation

Possible Antinausea Medications - Promethazine (Phenergan), or Ondansetron (Zofran)
Use – treats nausea or vomiting
Possible Side Effects – sleepy, dizzy, constipation, dry mouth, lightheaded

Possible Labor Induction Medications
Misoprostol (Cytotec) Use – Promotes cervical ripening
Possible Side Effects – Very strong uterine contraction, hyperstimulated uterus, uterine rupture

Oxytocin (Pitocin) Use – used to increase uterine contractions to induce labor or post delivery, used for excessive bleeding post delivery
Possible Side Effects - very hard uterine pain, upset stomach or vomiting, headache, abnormal heartbeat, trouble passing urine

Dinoprostone (Cervidil) Use – Prepares the cervix for labor
Possible Side Effects – Upset stomach, vomiting, belly pain, dizziness

Possible Post Birth Medications for Mom: Docusate (Colace), Iron, Vitamin C, Witch hazel
Colace Use - treats constipation and softens stools
Possible Side Effects - stomach ache or diarrhea
Iron Use – used to treat anemia or low blood counts
Possible Side Effects – constipation, dark stool
Vitamin C Use – helps iron absorb
Possible Side Effects – diarrhea, upset stomach, vomiting
Witch hazel (Tucks) or Dermaplast spray Use – post delivery helps relief perineal, vulva or hemorrhoid pain and itching
Possible Side Effects – allergic skin reactions

Possible Pain Management Medications: Roxicodone, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen
Roxicodone Use – Pain Relief
Possible Side Effect – dizziness, blurred vision, nausea or vomiting, constipation, not being able to think clearly

Ibuprofen (Motrin) Use – pain relief
Possible Side Effect – nausea or vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, stomach ache

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Use – pain relief
Possible Side Effect – stomach ache, vomiting, liver damage

Possible Medications for the Newborn: Hepatitis B Vaccine, Vitamin K, Erythromycin eye ointment, Tylenol, Triple Antibiotic Dye for the umbilical cord
Hepatitis B Vaccine – See CDC Vaccine Information Sheet

Phytonadione/Vitamin K Use – prevents Vitamin K deficiency bleeding
Possible Side Effects – pain at the injection site

Erythromycin eye ointment – prevents bacterial eye infections
Possible Side Effects – temporary blurred vision

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Use – pain relief
Possible Side Effect – stomach ache, vomiting, liver damage

A&D Ointment Use – skin protection that aides in healing for baby’s diaper area
Possible Side Effects - warmth, redness, oozing, or irritation - see your pediatrician

Possible Preterm Labor Medications: Terbutaline, Magnesium Sulfate
Terbutaline Use - premature Labor
Possible Side Effects: fast heartbeat, high blood sugar, low potassium

Magnesium Sulfate Use - preterm labor or preeclampsia
Possible Side Effects - low muscle tone, vision changes, flushing, feeling hot, chest tightness, syncope, dizziness, edema, diarrhea, nausea

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other then the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.