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To the Executive Officer,

I believe a reference listing the safety of medications during pregnancy and breastfeeding is essential. While resources such as MIMS does offer advice it is focused more on the legal standpoint of the manufacturer rather than current practice. A resource from an Australian Hospital similar to the paediatric pharmacopoeia would be a valuable addition to a pharmacy and will help pharmacist to supply accurate information about the safety of drugs during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Relying solely on the manufacturers recommendations would exclude many safe and effective treatments for women whom are pregnant or breastfeeding. It may also cause some confusion between prescribers, pharmacists and patients as to what treatments are safe.

An example reference would be the Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide published by The Royal Women's Hospital in Victoria. This book covers regular medication, CAMs, vaccines and substances of abuse.

This reference would be an invaluable addition to any pharmacy.

Kind regards,

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