

## Midwives can supply and administer for non-parenteral use prescription only medicines containing any of the following

Drug name	Use	Route	NMC advice for professional practice
Diclofenac	Adult	Oral/PR	For postpartum pain relief up to 48 hours after birth
Hydrocortisone acetate	Adult	Topical	For the treatment of haemorrhoids in the antenatal and postnatal period
Miconazole	Adult	Topical	For the treatment of thrush

Drug name	Use	Route	NMC advice for professional practice
Nystatin	Neonate	Oral	For the treatment of oral thrush
Phytomenadione	Neonate	Oral	Prophylactic use to prevent vitamin k deficiency bleeding (haemorrhagic disease of the newborn)

## Midwives can administer for parenteral use prescription only medicines containing any of the following

Drug name	Use	Route	NMC advice for professional practice
Adrenaline 1:1000	Adult	IM	For use in anaphylaxis only
Anti-D immunoglobulin	Adult	IM	For antenatal and postnatal use to protect against haemolytic disease of the newborn
Carboprost	Adult	IM	No particular uterotonic drug can be recommended over another for the treatment of postpartum haemorrhage. Treatment combinations for postpartum haemorrhage might include repeat bolus of oxytocin (intravenous), ergometrine (intramuscular, or cautiously intravenously), intramuscular oxytocin with ergometrine (Syntometrine), oxytocin infusion (Syntocinon) or carboprost (intramuscular) <sup>1</sup> .
Cyclizine Lactate	Adult	IM	For management of actual or potential nausea and vomiting

<sup>1</sup> Taken from the National Collaborating Centre for Women's and Children's Health document *Intrapartum care: care of healthy women and their babies during childbirth*. Commissioned by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE 2007, updated 2008).  
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Drug name	Use	Route	NMC advice for professional practice
Diamorphine	Adult	IM	Diamorphine hydrochloride for pain relief in labour May NOT be administered by a student midwife
Ergometrine Maleate	Adult	IM/IV	No particular uterotonic drug can be recommended over another for the treatment of postpartum haemorrhage. Treatment combinations for postpartum haemorrhage might include repeat bolus of oxytocin (intravenous), ergometrine (intramuscular, <i>or cautiously intravenously</i> ), intramuscular oxytocin with ergometrine (Syntometrine), oxytocin infusion (Syntocinon) or carboprost (intramuscular) <sup>1</sup> .
Gelofusine	Adult	IV	For maternal resuscitation
Hartmann's solution	Adult	IV	For maternal resuscitation
Lidocaine	Adult	SC/IM	For use as a local anaesthetic
Lidocaine Hydrochloride	Adult	SC/IM	For use as a local anaesthetic
Morphine	Adult	IM	Morphine sulphate for pain relief in labour May NOT be administered by a student midwife

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Naloxone Hydrochloride	Adult	IM	For reversal of respiratory depression resulting from opioid administration
Oxytocins, natural and synthetic	Adult	IM/IV	For active management of the third stage of labour and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage. No particular uterotonic drug can be recommended over another for the treatment of postpartum haemorrhage. Treatment combinations for postpartum haemorrhage might include repeat bolus of oxytocin (intravenous), ergometrine (intramuscular, or cautiously intravenously), intramuscular oxytocin with ergometrine (Syntometrine), oxytocin infusion (Syntocinon) or carboprost (intramuscular) <sup>1</sup> .

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Pethidine Hydrochloride	Adult	IM	For pain relief in labour May NOT be administered by a student midwife
Prochlorperazine	Adult	IM	For management of actual or potential nausea and vomiting
Sodium Chloride 0.9%	Adult	IV	For maternal resuscitation and IV flush

<b>Drug name</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>NMC advice for professional practice</b>
Hepatitis B Vaccine	Neonate	IM	For use in protection against Hepatitis B
Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin	Neonate	IM	For use in protection against Hepatitis B
Naloxone Hydrochloride	Neonate	IM	For reversal of respiratory depression resulting from opioid administration to mother
Phytomenadione	Neonate	IM	Prophylactic use to prevent vitamin k deficiency bleeding (haemorrhagic disease of the newborn)