

## Tips to Avoid Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy

- Try to eat small amounts of dry, complex carbohydrates in the morning before rising (saltine crackers or dry toast).
- Avoid letting your stomach become overly full or empty for too long. Try to eat small, frequent meals that are high in carbs and low in fat.
- Try snacks high in protein such as yogurt or nuts.
- Try taking in fluids between meals instead of with meals.
- Sip carbonated beverages or clear juice.
- Try milk, apples, or potatoes to neutralize gastric acids.
- Avoid brushing teeth within 1-2 hours after meals.
- Maintain good ventilation while sleeping.
- Avoid foods/substances that irritate your stomach (coffee, alcohol, cigarettes, iron, fried or spicy foods)
- Avoid food preparation if it aggravates nausea. Avoid offensive odors and maintain good ventilation when preparing food.
- Herbal/spice teas such as spearmint, peppermint, chamomile, ginger root, fennel, anise, raspberry leaf, and cinnamon tea can help with nausea.
- Cold compresses to forehead or throat
- Hard candies
- Regular exercise
- Avoid constrictive clothing around abdomen.
- Avoid reclining immediately after eating as this increases gastric reflux.
- MEDS: Benadryl 25-50mg at bedtime, Vitamin B6 25-50mg orally 3 times a day.

\*Or can try the following instructions for Unisom/B6.

### Unisom and Vitamin B6 for Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy

25mg Unisom Sleep tabs/Night time Sleep-Aid **REGULAR STRENGTH** (make sure it is **REGULAR strength** as maximum strength is a DIFFERENT MEDICATION)

25mg of Vitamin B6

**Instructions:** Unisom 12.5mg (half of 25mg) and 25mg Vitamin B6 at NIGHT.

If that is **NOT** effective **INCREASE** Unisom to 25mg (1 full tablet) and 25mg of Vitamin B6 at **NIGHT**.

If symptoms are still persisting take Unisom 12.5mg and 25mg of Vitamin B6 in the **AM**, and Unisom 25mg and 25mg of Vitamin B6 in the **PM**.