

Medications given to the Newborn at Delivery

Erythromycin Ophthalmic (Eye ointment):

- An antibiotic ointment used for the treatment and or protection against bacterial infections of the eye. Serious side effects are not expected during treatment. However, there may be some eye irritation and redness, but these are not typical.

Phytonadione (Vitamin K) IM (Intramuscular):

- A man-made form of vitamin K important in the production of substances that cause the blood to clot. Infants have very small amount of vitamin K at birth and are given this booster in the thigh in order to prevent excessive bleeding. Side effects may include flushing of the face and pain at the injection site. Other more serious side effects include allergic reaction, fast or irregular heartbeat, or sweating

Every newborn receives these routine medications at birth. Feel free to discuss them with your nurse prior to delivery.