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Introduction to monograph on medicine for endocrine system

Endocrine System: medicines used in diabetes

Careful monitoring of blood glucose is essential during pregnancy.
Good diabetic control and compliance with dietary and insulin regimens minimises the risk of congenital malformation associated with diabetes.
Risk of hypoglycaemia is increased in pregnancy. Severe hypoglycaemia requires prompt intervention to avoid coma and/or convulsions.

Glucagon

Glucagon is a hormone, which causes the release of glucose from glycogen stores in the liver.

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Glucagon – POM – midwife may administer or supply in an emergency for treatment of severe hypoglycaemia.

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