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# Diethyltoluamide

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# **Drug Levels and Effects**

# **Summary of Use during Lactation**

No information is available on the clinical use of diethyltoluamide (DEET) during breastfeeding. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency consider DEET to be safe and effective during breastfeeding when used as directed.[1] It should be used by breastfeeding women to avoid exposure to mosquito-borne viruses.[1-3] Avoid application directly to the nipple and other areas where the infant might directly ingest the product.

### **Drug Levels**

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### References

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### **Substance Identification**

#### **Substance Name**

Diethyltoluamide

## **CAS Registry Number**

134-62-3

## **Drug Class**

**Breast Feeding** 

Lactation

**Insect Repellents**