**Decision to treat**

**YES or NO**

Consider what the available drugs, under the specified conditions, may be reasonably expected to do when given to the patient inquestion

Is clinical experience, case reports, surveillance data or other relevant information available to support the use of the drug?

**5**

**4**

**3**

**2**

**1**

**No**

**Yes**

**Illness, emergency or other condition requiring drug treatment**

**Drugs given to a pregnant or lactating female**

**Effects on the mother, as well as the unborn and breastfed child**

**Positive or negative**

May get excreted in the breast milk

Drug molecules (including active metabolites) may cross the placental barrier

Systemically or topically administered (the latter may be absorbed into the systemic circulation to some extent)