

## **Fetal Drug Therapy**

In some cases when there is a problem with the fetus, drug therapy can be given to the mother, whereby the drugs pass through the placenta to the fetus. For example some unborn babies will develop an irregular heart beat, which if left untreated will cause serious consequences for the baby. Drugs given to the mother can improve the baby's heart function. In some cases the drug must be administered directly to the baby. In these situations a fetal blood sampling procedure would be performed to administer the drug.

The same risks that apply to Fetal Blood Sampling would apply to this procedure.