

<b>Drug Category</b>	<b>Common Medications</b>	<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	<b>Side Effects</b>	<b>Nsg Considerations</b>
<b>NSAIDs-OA/RA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspirin</li> <li>Ibuprofen</li> </ul>	Non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory, inhibits synthesis of prostaglandins  KNOW MAX DOSE!	GI Upset (bleed)	Diarrhea Lethargy
<b>Topical- OA</b>	OTC creams- Bengay, Aspercreme, Capsaicin (Short-acting)	Reduces inflammation through cooling/warming sensation	Localized irritation	Rash, priotus Do not use over open skin
<b>DMOADs-OA</b> disease-modifying osteoarthritis drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calcitonin</li> <li>Glucosamine Chondroitin</li> </ul>	Flare-ups, decrease pain, and swelling Used until other therapy takes effect  Works Quickly	Immunosuppression	Taper Report s/sx of infection Not for long-term use (May increase Ca+-kidney stones)
<b>DMARDs- RA</b> Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methotrexate</li> <li>Leflunomide</li> <li>Sulfasalazine</li> </ul>	May suppress antigen formation Decreases inflammation and slows the disease process	Anemia	Works in 4-6 weeks Diarrhea N/V
Biologic Response Modifiers (immunotherapy) - <b>MAB RA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infliximab (Remicade)</li> <li>Adalimumab (Humira)</li> </ul>	Helps decrease immune response SQ, IV	Retinopathy	Self-Administration (Patient Education) Works in 4-6 months
Gold Salts (DMARD) <b>RA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aurotherapy</li> </ul>	-Reduce swelling and joint inflammation	Skin rash, mouth ulcers, and diarrhea	Takes 3-6 months to see improvement
<b>Corticosteroids- OA/RA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prednisone</li> </ul>	Reduce Inflammation (Intra-articular)	Immunosuppression	Taper Report s/sx of infection Not for long-term use Increases blood glucose