

MEDICATIONS

GENERIC & TRADE NAMES	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION	NURSING IMPLICATIONS	
			SIDE EFFECTS	TEACHING & INTERVENTIONS
Prednisone / Deltasone	Adrenals Anti-inflammatory Steroidal	Suppresses inflammation and immune response.	Peptic ulceration Anorexia, N/V Thromboembolism	Do not double dose. Discuss possible effects on body image. Avoid alcohol.
Ativan / Lorazepam	Benzodiazepines	Depresses the CNS	APNEA, CARDIAC ARREST	Teach other methods to decrease anxiety. Avoid alcohol use concurrently.
Glimepiride / Amegil	antibiotic Sulfonylureas	Lowers blood sugar	Photosensitivity, hypoglycemia	Review signs of hypoglycemia + hyperglycemia Follow prescribed diet and routine follow-up exams
NORVASC / Amlodipine Besylate	Dihydropyridines Calcium channel blocker	Inhibits excitation contraction coupling	H/A, dizziness, fatigue, peripheral edema, palpitations	Avoid large amounts of grapefruit juice. Monitor pulse
ASPIRIN ASA	NSAID	Analgesic, reduce inflammation	GI BLEEDING Tinnitus Anemia	Take with full glass of water Report any bleeding
COLACE / docusate sodium	Cathartic / Laxative	Softens fecal mass	mild cramps, diarrhea, rashes	Short term therapy Increase bulk in diet Increase fluid intake
Vitamin B Complex / vit. C / Folic Acid	Multivitamins	Stimulates RBC production, metabolic processes	Rash, malaise, confusion, fever ANAPHYLAXIS	Encourage diet, recommendations of foods high in folic acid and a well balanced diet with foods from the four basic food groups.