

N322 Drug Card Template

Brand/Generic	Phenytoin / Dilantin -125
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It limits the spread of seizure activity and start of new seizure.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat seizures
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Ataxia, Hyperglycemia, Abdominal pain
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Monitor therapeutic phenytoin level. Give phenytoin with or after meals to minimize G.I distress.

Brand/Generic	Valproic Acid / Alti-Valproic
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It decreases seizure activity by blocking reuptake of aminobutyric acid.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To prevent migraine headache.
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Agitation, Euphoria, Bradycardia

Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Use caution in patients with hepatic disease. Watch for evidence of decreased hepatic function.
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Brand/Generic	Gabapentin / Gralise
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It inhibits neurotransmitters in the brain.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat moderate to severe restless leg symptoms.
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Apnea, cough, abdominal pain
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Monitor renal function test. Beware that various brands of gabapentin are not interchangeable.

Brand/Generic	Cyclobenzaprine / Flexeril
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It reduces muscle hyperactivity in the brain surgery stem.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To adjunct rest in people with skeletal condition.
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Blurred vision, insomnia, hypotension
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Teach patients to avoid alcohol. Advise patients to ask for assistance with driving if they experience dizziness.

Brand/Generic	Carbidopa - Levodopa / Sinemet
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It works by converting this medication to dopamine in the brain.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat parkinson's

Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Dizziness light-headedness, nausea
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Teach patients to avoid MAO with this medication. Know that this medication can interfere with laboratory results.

Brand/Generic	Excedrin / Aspirin Acetaminophen Caffeine
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It inhibits prostaglandin synthesis in the central nervous system
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To relieve migraines
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Heartburn, Nausea, Vomiting
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Advise patients not to use more than the recommended dosage. Monitor for severe skin reaction.

Brand/Generic	Donepezil / Aricept
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Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It inhibits acetylcholinesterase concentration at cholinergic synapses.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat Alzheimer
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Abnormal gait, hallucinations,. neuroleptic malignant syndrome
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Use this medication cautiously in patients with bladder obstruction. Use cautiously in patients with pulmonary disorders.

Brand/Generic	Carbamazepine / Tegretol
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It moves sodium into the neuronal cell by passing through a gated sodium channel
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat epilepsy
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Chills, Blurred vision, Conjunctivitis
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Use cautiously in patients with hepatic failure. Monitor closely for evidence of suicidal thinking or behavior.

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Brand/Generic	Lorazepam/ Ativan
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It portrays the effect of GABA and other neurotransmitters in the limbic area of the CNS.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat anxiety.
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Diaphoresis, Chest pain, Apnea.
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Use cautiously in patients with a history of drug abuse. Monitor patient respirations every 5 to 15 minutes.

Brand/Generic	Levetiracetam / Keppra
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	It protects against secondary generalized seizure activity by preventing the burst from firing.
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	To treat partial seizures.

Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	Abnormal gait, Insomnia, Anorexia
Nursing Considerations or Teaching (1 or 2)	Monitor for seizure activity during therapy. Monitor patients for evidence of suicidal thinking or behaviours.