ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: *Medication*

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MEDICATION clopidrogel

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER Swift River

CATEGORY CLASS antiplatlet medication

PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

Expected Pharmacological Action

Inhibiting platelet aggresion and accumulation.

Therapeutic Use

Preventing blood clots and subsequent pulmonary embolism/DVT.

Complications

Hematuria,bruising, bleeding, shortness of breath, seizures.

Contraindications/Precautions

Bleeding precations should be initiated when starting the medication. This is because of the medication inhibiting platelet formation which can lead to bleeding which will not cease.

Interactions

This medication interacts with NSAIDS. An example of an NSAID is aspirin. The result of this interaction is possible bleeding.

Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

A blood test may be used. The platelet count may be tested to evaluate the effectiveness of the medication.

Medication Administration

Typically, the nurse should give the medication once per day. The client takes clopidrogel by mouth with or without food.

Nursing Interventions

The nurse should monitor the patient for bleeding by monitoring for steatorrhea. This can indicate a GI bleed. The nurse may also inquire about abdmonial pain periodically.

Client Education

The client should be educated on what bleeding precautions are and why they are necasarry while taking this medication. Sharp razors should be avoided.