

N322 Drug Card Template

Brand/Generic	Heparin
Typical Prescribed Dose	IV drip (15-20u/kg/hr and boluses, SubQ)
Typical Frequency	Fast acting 20-30 mins
Route (most common)	IV or Sub-Q
Classification	Chemical class: Glycosaminoglycan
Mechanism of Action (brief description use your own words)	Combines w/ natural anticoagulants in the blood to inactivate clotting factors- inhibits prothrombin to thrombin- prevent thrombus formation
Reasons Prescribed (conditions in which this drug is usually prescribed)	Prevention & Management of thromboembolic disorders (DVT, PE, A fib w/ embolization).
Contraindications (3 most important)	GI or any other bleeding disorder
Common Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (3 most common)	CNS: Chills, dizziness fever, headache, peripheral neuropathy. CV: Chest pain, rebound hyperlipemia, thrombosis.
Nursing Considerations (1 or 2)	Use heparin cautiously in alcoholics, read heparin label carefully.
Patient Assessment (how you are monitoring the medications effect)	Assess for any bleeding
Client Teaching needs (1 or 2 most important)	Prevent bleeding

