

DRUG CARD TEMPLATE:

norepinephrine (Levophed)	
Classification:	Indication:
catecholamine beta blocker medication	used to treat angina (chest pain) and Pain, arthritis, dysmenorrhea used to treat fluid retention (edema) in people with congestive heart failure, liver disease, or a kidney disorder
side effects/ adverse reactions:	Contraindications:
side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pain, burning, irritation, discoloration, or skin changes where the injection was given. • sudden numbness, weakness, or cold feeling anywhere in your body. • slow or uneven heart rate. • blue lips or fingernails, mottled skin. • little or no urination. • trouble breathing. • problems with vision, speech, or balance; or • severe headache, blurred vision, pounding in your neck or ears. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take apical pulse and BP • Be alert to patient's complaints of headache, vomiting, palpitation, arrhythmias, chest pain, photophobia, and blurred vision as possible symptoms of overdosage. Reflex bradycardia may occur because of rise in BP. • Expect maximal effect on BP after 1 week of therapy. • Take several BP readings close to the end of a 12 h dosing interval to evaluate adequacy of dosage for patients with hypertension, particularly in patients on twice daily doses.

SAMPLE DRUG CARD: