DRUG CARD TEMPLATE:

| **Nitroprusside (Nipride)** | **Losartan (Cozaar)** |
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| Classification: | Indication: |
| Vasodilators.nel blockers. | used to treat the symptoms of Acute Heart Failure, Hypertensive Crisis, and Controlled Hypotension during Surgery. |
| AKBs | used for the treatment of hypertension and some types of congestive heart failure |
| *Side effects/ adverse reactions:* | *Nursing Considerations:* |
| • Chest pain or discomfort.<br>• fast, pounding, or irregular heartbeat or pulse.<br>• lightheadedness, dizziness, or fainting.<br>• slow heartbeat.<br>• trouble breathing.<br>• itching or burning on the skin where you use the cream or ointment.<br>• stomach pain, indigestion, and constipation.<br>• stomach pain.<br>• weakness or heaviness of the legs. | • May cause arrhythmias, CHF, asthma, cases<br>• monitor HR, BP, and EKG, continuously during therapy<br>• may cause cyanide toxicity<br>• sympathomimetics may decrease effectiveness<br>• PAOP monitoring may help with MI and CHF patients<br>• Tell patient to change positions slowly<br>• Monitor serum potassium<br>• Instruct patient on how to take blood pressure<br>• assess blood pressure and heart rate<br>• Monitor BUN, Crea and electrolyte levels periodically.<br>• WBC should be monitored prior to therapy and periodically thereafter.<br>• May cause false positive result for urine acetone |

SAMPLE DRUG CARD: