

DRUG CARD TEMPLATE:

Generic name (brand name) Diltiazem - cardizem	
Classification: Antianginal, antihypertensive, calcium channel blocker	Indication: Hypertension, paroxysmal, supraventricular, chronic stable angina
Side effects/ adverse reactions: Asthenia, asystole, bradycardia, dizziness, edema, flushing, light-headedness, nausea	Nursing Considerations: Monitor closely while establishing dose. Pt should swallow ER/SR tablets whole and not cut/crush/chew them; avoid grapefruit juice; report irregular heartbeat, swelling.

Generic name (brand name) Nitroprusside - Nitropress	
Classification: Antihypertensive, vasodilator	Indication: controlled hypotension during anesthesia; tx of acute HF
Side effects/ adverse reactions: Abd pain, apprehension, cyanide toxicity, diaphoresis, faintness, headache, hypotension, muscle twitching, n/v, restlessness	Nursing Considerations: Do not mix in sol w/other drugs. Monitor BP, IV frequently. Have amyl nitrate inhalation, materials to make 3% sodium nitrite sol, sodium thiosulfate on hand for nitroprusside overdose and depletion of body stores of sulfur, leading to cyanide toxicity. Pt should report chest pain, pain at injection site.

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Generic name (brand name) Captopril -	
Classification:	Indication:
ACE inhibitor, antihypertensive	Hypertension, left ventricular dysfunction and diabetic nephrology
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
aphthous ulcers, cough, dysgeusia, HF, hyperkalemia, MI, pancytopenia, proteinuria, rash, tachycardia	Use caution before surgery; mark chart. Monitor renal function, potassium. Give 1 hr before meals. Protect pt in situations of decreased fluid volume. Not for use in preg. Cough may occur. Pt should change position slowly if dizzy, light-headed; avoid OTC preparations; consult prescriber before stopping drug.

Generic name (brand name) Losartan -Cozaar	
Classification:	Indication:
Antihypertensive, ARB	. Tx of HTN w/left ventricular hypertrophy. Tx of diabetic nephropathy.
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
Abd pain, cough, diarrhea, dizziness, drowsiness, hyperkalemia, nausea, URI	If surgery needed, alert surgeon to drug use; volume replacement may be needed. Monitor potassium w/long-term use. Not for use in preg (barrier contraceptives advised)/breastfeeding. Pt should use caution in situations that could lead to fluid loss, maintain hydration, take safety precautions for CNS effects.

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Generic name (brand name) Atenolol - Tenormin	
Classification: Antianginal, antihypertensive, beta1-adrenergic blocker	Indication: Angina pectoris, hypertension and acute myocardial infarction
Side effects/ adverse reactions: Bradycardia, bronchospasm, cardiac arrhythmias, ED, exercise tolerance decrease, flatulence, gastric pain, laryngospasm, n/v/d	Nursing Considerations: Do not stop suddenly; taper over 2 wk. Pt should take safety precautions w/CNS effects, report difficulty breathing.

Generic name (brand name) Metoprolol- lopressor and topol	
Classification: Antihypertensive, selective beta blocker	Indication: Hypertension, atrial flutter, and heart failure
Side effects/ adverse reactions: ANA development, bronchospasm, cardiac arrhythmias, constipation, decreased exercise tolerance/libido, dizziness, ED, flatulence, gastric pain, HF, laryngospasm, n/v/d, paresthesia	Nursing Considerations: Monitor cardiac function w/IV use. Pt should swallow ER tablet whole and not cut/crush/chew it; take safety precautions for CNS effects; report difficulty breathing, swelling.

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Generic name (brand name) Furosemide -lasix	
Classification:	Indication:
Loop diuretic	Heart failure, atrial flutter, myocardial infarction and anginaa
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
Anemia, anorexia, dizziness, hyperglycemia, hypokalemia, leukopenia, muscle cramps, n/v, orthostatic hypotension, paresthesia, photosensitivity, pruritus, thrombocytopenia, urticaria, xanthopsia	Give early in d so diuresis will not affect sleep. Do not expose to light. Record weight daily. Monitor potassium level; arrange for potassium replacement or potassium-rich diet. Use caution in preg/breastfeeding. Pt should avoid sun exposure; take safety precautions w/CNS effects; report loss or gain of more than 3 lb/d. Name confusion between furosemide and torsemide.

Generic name (brand name) Norepinephrine - levarterenol, and levophed	
Classification:	Indication:
Cardiac stimulant, sympathomimetic, vasopressor	restore BP in controlling certain acute hypotensive states.
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
Bradycardia, other cardiac arrhythmias; headache; HTN; tissue ischemia	Give whole blood, plasma separately, if indicated. Give IV infusions into large vein, preferably antecubital fossa, to prevent extravasation. Monitor BP q 2 min from start of infusion until desired BP achieved, then monitor q 5 min if infusion continued. Do not give pink, brown sols. Monitor for extravasation. Risk of hypotension after abrupt discontinuation.

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Generic name (brand name) Simvastatin (Flolipid, Zocor)	
Classification:	Indication:
Antihyperlipidemic, statin	Hypertension, paroxysmal, supraventricular, chronic stable angina
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
Abd pain, acute renal failure, cramps, flatulence, headache, immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy, liver failure, n/v/d, rhabdomyolysis/myopathy	Not for use w/strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, gemfibrozil, cyclosporine, danazol. Monitor LFTs. Avoid 80-mg dose because of increased risk of muscle injury, rhabdomyolysis; if pt already stable on 80 mg, monitor closely. Not for use in preg (barrier contraceptives advised)/breastfeeding. Pt should continue diet; take in p.m.; have blood tests regularly; avoid grapefruit juice; report urine/stool color changes, muscle pain/soreness.

Generic name (brand name) amlODIPine Norvasc	
Classification:	Indication:
Antianginal, antihypertensive, calcium channel blocker	chronic stable angina/Prinzmetal angina; to reduce angina risk and need for revascularization
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
dizziness, fatigue, flushing, headache, hypotension, lethargy, light-headedness, MI, nausea, peripheral edema	Monitor closely when adjusting dose; monitor BP w/hx of nitrate use. Monitor cardiac rhythm during initiation and periodically during tx. Not for use in breastfeeding. Name confusion between Norvasc (amlodipine) and Navane (thiothixene).