

Ezetimibe (Ezetrol)	
Classification:	Indication:
Antilipemic Cholesterol absorption inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue, dizziness, headache • Diarrhea, abdominal pain • Chest pain • Myalgias, arthralgias, back pain, myopathy • Pharyngitis, URI • angioedema 	<p>Contraindications: hypersensitivity, severe hepatic disease</p> <p>Assess: diet history, fat content, lipid levels, LFTs at baseline</p> <p>Educate: compliance is needed, risk factors (high-fat diet, smoking and alcohol consumption)</p>

Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat)	
Classification:	Indication:
Coronary vasodilator antianginal	Chronic stable angina pectoris, prophylaxis of angina pain, Acute MI
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headache, dizziness • postural hypotension, tachycardia, collapse, syncope, palpitations • NV • Pallor sweating 	<p>Contraindications: severe anemia, increased intracranial pressure, cerebral hemorrhage</p> <p>Assess: chest pain/angina, orthostatic BP, P before and after administration</p> <p>Educate: place buccal tab between lip and gum or between cheek and gum</p> <p>Avoid alcohol, comply with complete medical regimen</p>

Clopidogrel (Plavix)	
Classification:	Indication:
Antineoplastic	Anaplastic lymphoma kinase-positive metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakness, fatigue • QT prolongation, bradycardia • Blurred vision • NVD, pancreatitis, abdominal pain • Renal failure • Hyperglycemia 	Contraindications: pregnancy, hypersensitivity

Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	
Classification:	Indication:
Antilipidemic	Adjunct for primary hypercholesterolemia
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache, insomnia • Abdominal cramps, constipation, diarrhea, liver dysfunction, nausea • UTI • Arthralgia, myalgia, myositis 	Contraindications: pregnancy, breastfeeding, hypersensitivity, active hepatic disease

aspirin	
Classification:	Indication:
Opiate analgesic	Moderate to severe pain
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness, dizziness, hallucinations • Palpitations, bradycardia, change in BP • NV, constipation, anorexia, cramps, gastritis • Dysuria, urinary output • Rash, bruising, flushing, diaphoresis • Respiratory depression 	<p>Contraindications: hypersensitivity, addition (opiate) asthma, ileus</p> <p>Assess: pain intensity, location, type, characteristics, physical dependence I&O for decreasing output Hallucinations, euphoria, constipation</p>

heparin	
Classification:	Indication:
Anticoagulant antithrombotic	Prevention treatment of DVT, PE, MI, open heart surgery Diagnosis, treatment of DIC
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever, chills, headache • Hematuria • Hemorrhage, thrombocytopenia, anemia, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), inj-site reactions • Hyperkalemia, hyperlipidemia • anaphylaxis 	<p>Contraindications: bleeding, corn, porcine product (pork product)</p> <p>Assess: bleeding, hemorrhage, ecchymosis, black tarry stools, hematuria, decrease in Hct, BP</p> <p>Educate: use soft-bristle toothbrush to avoid bleeding gums, use electric razor, avoid IM inj,</p>

warfarin (Coumadin)

Classification:	Indication:
Anticoagulant	Arterial thromboembolism prophylaxis, DVT, MI prophylaxis, after MI, stroke prophylaxis, pulmonary embolism
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever, dizziness, fatigue, lethargy • angina, chest pain, edema, hypotension, syncope • NVD, anorexia, hepatitis • Hematuria • Hemorrhage, anemia, ecchymosis, petechiae 	<p>Contraindications: pregnancy, bleeding, leukemia with bleeding</p> <p>Assess: blood studies q3mo, bleeding, black tarry stools, hematuria; take exactly as prescribed; **vit K can alter warfarin effect</p>

epoetin alfa	
Classification:	Indication:
Antianemic, biologic modifier, hormone	Correct hemostatic defect in uremia
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizures, coldness, sweating, headache • HTN, edema, DV, MI, stroke • Inj site reaction • Iron deficiency • Bone pain, arthralgia, myalgia • Cough 	<p>Contraindications: uncontrolled HTN</p> <p>Assess: renal studies, BP, seizures ,</p>

enoxaparin (Lovenox)	
Classification:	Indication:
Anticoagulant	Prevention of DVT, PE,

Antithrombotic	
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever, confusion • Nausea • Hemorrhage from any site, thrombocytopenia, bleeding • Ecchymosis, inj site hematoma • Hyperkalemia in renal failure • Osteoporosis • Edema, peripheral edema, anaphylaxis 	<p>Contraindications: active major bleeding, leukemia with bleeding</p> <p>Assess:</p>
ferrous sulfate (Iron)	
Classification:	Indication:
Hematinic	Iron deficiency anemia, prophylaxis for iron deficiency in pregnancy, nutritional supplementation
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVD, epigastric pain, black and red tarry stools • Temporarily discolored tooth enamel and eyes 	<p>Contraindications: thalassemia, sideroblastic anemia</p> <p>Assess: blood studies, iron studies, avoid use with blood transfusions (iron overload may occur), cause of iron loss or anemia</p> <p>Educate: follow a diet high in iron</p> <p>Avoid taking iron, dairy products, calcium supplements, and vitC altogether because they compete for absorption</p>