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Classification:	Indication:
cholesterol-lowering medications	to treat high blood cholesterol
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abdominal fullness• black tarry stools• bleeding gums• bloating• blood in urine or stools• chills• constipation• darkened urine• fast heartbeat• fever• gaseous abdominal pain• general tiredness or weakness• large, hive-like swelling on face, eyelids, lips, tongue, throat, hands, legs, feet, sex organs• loss of appetite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind patients to take medication as directed to control hyperlipidemia even though they are asymptomatic.• Counsel patients about additional interventions to help control lipid disorders and improve cardiovascular health, including dietary modification, regular exercise, moderation of alcohol consumption, and smoking cessation.• Instruct patient and family/caregivers to report other troublesome side effects such as severe or prolonged nausea or skin rash.

DRUG CARD TEMPLATE:

Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat.)

Classification:		Indication:	
nitrates		used to treat angina (chest pain)	
Side effects/ adverse reactions:		Nursing Considerations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• headache• dizziness• weakness• fast heart rate• nausea• vomiting• flushing (reddening and warming of your skin)• rash• fainting• blurry vision• nausea• cold and clammy skin• fast and shallow breathing		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check blood pressure and pulse before each administration• Constant supervision and regular monitoring of vital signs• Patient should be sitting or lying prior to administration of GTN• Pt should not take nitroglycerin if blood pressure is too low• Nitrates should not be given to patients with hypotension, marked bradycardia or tachycardia, RV infarction.	

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clopidogrel (Plavix)	
Classification:	Indication:
antiplatelet medications.	blood thinner that helps keep blood flowing smoothly in your body
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headaches. • dizziness. • nausea. • diarrhea • constipation. • indigestion (dyspepsia) • stomachache or abdominal pain. • nosebleeds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be alert for signs of GI bleeding signs. • vomiting blood. • blood in stools, black/tarry stools) or other signs of bleeds (bleeding gums, nosebleeds. • unusual bruising • hematuria.

Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	
Classification:	Indication:
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	Is used to treat high cholesterol, and to lower the risk of stroke, heart attack,
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeling sick (nausea) or indigestion. Stick to simple meals and do not eat rich or spicy food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased cardiac output. • Ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion. • Imbalanced nutrition: more

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headaches. Make sure you rest and drink plenty of fluids.• Nosebleeds.• Sore throat.• Cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, blocked nose, or sneezing.• Constipation or farting (flatulence)• Diarrhea.	<p>than body requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk for impaired liver function.• Diarrhea, constipation, acute pain<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check if patient has history of liver disease
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