

Ezetimibe (Zetia)

Classification		Indication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cholesterol absorption inhibitor• Antilipemic		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hypercholesterolemia	
Side effects/ adverse reactions		Nursing Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• myopathy• rhabdomyolysis• angioedema		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• do not use in pregnancy or breastfeeding• assess for: musculoskeletal pain, muscle cramps• assess for lethargy and fatigue• v/s - fever	

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Nitroglycerine (Nitrostat)

Classification		Indication	
vasodilator		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chest pain or discomfort associated with angina pectoris• suspected acute MI• pulmonary edema with hypertension	
Side effects/ adverse reactions		Nursing Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• difficulty or labored breathing• severe dizziness• swelling of face, arms, hands, lower legs or feet		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• place tablet under tongue or between cheek and gum at the first sign of angina attack• v/s – check BP and pulse prior to administering	

Clopidogrel (Plavix)

Classification	Indication
Antiplatelet (Works by preventing platelets from collecting and forming clots that may cause a heart attack or stroke)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">to prevent serious or life-threatening problems with the heart and blood vessels in people who have had a stroke, heart attack or severe chest pain
Side effects/ adverse reactions	Nursing Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">epistaxisGI bleedingconstipationbruisingbleeding gums	<ul style="list-style-type: none">v/s to assess for bleedingeducate patient on how to look for a GI bleed (bloody stools, severe abdominal pain, vomiting blood)educate patient about increased risk of bruising and bleeding gums (gentle toothbrushing)

Atorvastatin (Lipitor)

Classification		Indication	
Statin		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to prevent adverse cardiovascular events• lower blood total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol	
Side effects/ adverse reactions		Nursing Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• muscle pain, soreness or weakness in muscles• constipation or flatulence• lethargy		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• monitor renal function• monitor serum cholesterol before first dose• monitor LFTs• educate patient to report muscle weakness	

Acetylsalicylic Acid - ASA (Aspirin)

Classification	Indication
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antipyretic• Non-opioid analgesics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rheumatoid arthritis• Osteoarthritis• Ischemic stroke• MI prophylaxis
Side effects/ adverse reactions	Nursing Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abdominal pain, cramping or burning• Bloody or cloudy urine• Change in mental status• Difficulty breathing• Reyes syndrome when used with viral infections• GI bleeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor LFTs• Increased risk for bleeding with NSAID use• Increased risk for bleeding when used with warfarin, heparin, and clopidogrel• Educate patient about increased risk for GI bleed if alcohol is consumed

Heparin (Hep-Lock)

Classification	Indication
anticoagulant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis and treatment, low dose used to ensure patency of IV
Side effects/ adverse reactions	Nursing Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back pain• Blood in urine• Coughing blood• Joint pain, stiffness, or swelling• Bleeding in gums when brushing teeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor signs of bleeding• Monitor platelet count• May cause hyperkalemia• Have patient report any signs of bleeding / educate patients on any signs to report• Gentle toothbrush

Warfarin (Coumadin)

Classification		Indication	
anticoagulant		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, A-fib, MI	
Side effects/ adverse reactions		Nursing Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe bleeding• Red or brown urine• Black or bloody stool• Joint pain• Vomiting or coughing blood		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vitamin K is the antidote• Contraindicated with bleeding, severe hypertension• Assess signs of bleeding• PT & INR levels• Educate patient to not drink alcohol	

Epoetin Alfa (Procrit and Epogen)

Classification	Indication
Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treat anemia
Side effects/ adverse reactions	Nursing Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• High blood pressure• Joint pain• Blood clots• DVT• Pulmonary embolism• Stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess for headache, high blood pressure, joint pain and blood clots• Educate patient on s/s of blood clotting and when to contact HCP

Ferrous Sulfate (Feosol)

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Antianemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention and treatment of iron-deficiency anemia
Side effects/ adverse reactions	Nursing Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seizure• Hypotension• Skin staining• Anaphylaxis• Elevated liver enzymes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take on an empty stomach to increase absorption/ vitamin C helps with absorption• Monitor hemoglobin, hematocrit, iron levels• Monitor LFTs• Assess nutritional status and bowel function• Use z-track method for IM inj.

Enoxaparin (Lovenox)

Classification		Indication	
anticoagulant		Prevention of VTE, DVT, PE	
Side effects/ adverse reactions		Nursing Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paralysis• Prolonged bleeding from cuts• Epistaxis• Coughing blood• Bleeding gums• Red or black tarry stools• Increased menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contraindicated with pork hypersensitivity• Monitor for signs of bleeding• Administer in subq tissue• DO NOT eject air bubble prior to injection• DO NOT aspirate or massage site	