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Generic Name: Ezetimibe	Brand Name: Ezetrol
Classification: cholesterol-lowering medications	Indications: reduce total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), apolipoprotein B (apo B), and non-high-density lipoprotein (HDL) in patients with primary hyperlipidemia, mixed hyperlipidemia, familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH), and homozygous sitosterolemia (phytosterolemia)
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Abdominal fullness. black tarry stools. blood in urine or stools. darkened urine. gaseous abdominal pain. general tiredness or weakness. large, hive-like swelling on face, eyelids, lips, tongue, throat, hands, legs, feet, sex organs. light-colored stools.	Nursing Considerations Use with caution when ezetimibe is combined with additional medication. Patients may experience arthralgia, rhabdomyolysis, hepatic impairment, dizziness, upper respiratory infections, or diarrhea if they are taking this medication. Minimal side effects were reported with monotherapy.

Generic Name: Nitroglycerin	Brand Name: Nitrostat
Classification: nitrates	Indications: chest pain or discomfort associated with angina pectoris or suspected acute myocardial infarction, as well as pulmonary edema with hypertension
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Bloating or swelling of the face, arms, hands, lower legs, or feet. burning, crawling, itching, numbness, prickling, "pins and needles", or tingling feelings. difficult or labored breathing. feeling faint, dizzy, or lightheaded. feeling of warmth or heat.	Nursing Considerations Check blood pressure and pulse before each administration of NTG—blood pressure can drop precipitously after a single dose. ... NTG is highly unstable and should be stored in light resistant container in a cool environment (not the refrigerator).

Generic Name: Clopidogrel	Brand Name: Plavix
Classification: antiplatelet medications	Indications: 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 reaction: headaches. dizziness. nausea. diarrhoea. constipation. indigestion (dyspepsia) stomach ache or abdominal pain. nosebleeds.	Nursing Considerations Be alert for signs of GI bleeding signs (abdominal pain, vomiting blood, blood in stools, black/tarry stools) or other signs of bleeds (bleeding gums, nosebleeds, unusual bruising, hematuria; fall in hematocrit or blood pressure). Notify physician or nursing staff immediately if these signs occur.

Generic Name: Atorvastatin	Brand Name: Lipitor
Classification: HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, or statins	Indications: Atorvastatin is indicated for the treatment of several types of dyslipidemias, including primary hyperlipidemia and mixed dyslipidemia in adults, hypertriglyceridemia, primary dysbetalipoproteinemia, homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia, and heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia in adolescent patients
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Feeling sick (nausea) or indigestion. Stick to simple meals and do not eat rich or spicy food. ... 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	Nursing Considerations Decreased cardiac output. Ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion. Imbalanced nutrition: more than body requirements. Risk for impaired liver function. Diarrhea, constipation, acute pain, etc., as potential side effects of atorvastatin.

Generic Name: Aspirin	Brand Name: Asprin
Classification: nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)	Indications: temporary relief of headache, pain and fever of colds, minor pain of arthritis, muscle pain, menstrual pain, and toothache.
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Abdominal	Nursing Considerations

<p>or stomach pain, cramping, or burning. black, tarry stools. bloody or cloudy urine. change in consciousness. chest pain or discomfort. convulsions, severe or continuing. decreased frequency or amount of urine. difficult breathing.</p>	<p>Evaluate the patient's lifestyle. ... Review patient's history for GI bleeding and ulceration. ... Assess a patient's allergy to aspirin. ... Determine current aspirin regimen. ... Assess pain and limitation of movement. ... Assess fever and note associated signs. ... Monitor hepatic function.</p>
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Generic Name: Heparin	Brand Name: Heparin
Classification: anticoagulants	Indications: prevention and treatment of thrombotic events such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE) as well as atrial fibrillation (AF)
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Abdominal or stomach pain or swelling. back pain or backaches. bleeding from the gums when brushing teeth. blood in the urine. coughing up blood. headaches, severe or continuing. heavy bleeding or oozing from cuts or wounds. joint pain, stiffness, or swelling.	Nursing Considerations Withdraw the needle immediately, and apply prolonged pressure at the injection site. Avoid applying heat/cold or massaging the injection site. Rotate sites in subcutaneous injection. Avoid the IM route for injections due to the risk of hematoma.

Generic Name: Warfarin	Brand Name: Coumadin and Jantoven
Classification: anticoagulants	Indications: atrial fibrillation (AF), the presence of artificial heart valves, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), and pulmonary embolism (PE)
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Severe bleeding, including heavier than usual menstrual bleeding. Red or brown urine. Black or bloody stool. Severe headache or stomach pain. Joint pain, discomfort or swelling, especially after an injury. Vomiting of blood or material that looks like coffee grounds.	Nursing Considerations Watch for signs of bleeding and hemorrhage, including bleeding gums, nosebleeds, unusual bruising, coughing up blood, black/tarry stools, hematuria, or a fall in hematocrit or blood pressure. Notify physician or nursing staff immediately if warfarin causes excessive anticoagulation.

Coughing up blood.	
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Generic Name: Epoetin alfa	Brand Name: Procrit and Epogen
Classification: erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESAs)	Indications: for the treatment of anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD), including patients on dialysis and not on dialysis to decrease the need for red blood cell (RBC) transfusion.
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Bone or joint pain. general feeling of tiredness or weakness. heartburn or belching. itching or stinging at the injection site. loss of strength or energy. muscle aches or weakness. skin pain. stomach discomfort, upset, pain, or swelling.	Nursing Considerations Because of the risk of thrombosis, use caution during aerobic exercise and other forms of therapeutic exercise. Assess exercise tolerance frequently (blood pressure, heart rate, fatigue levels), and terminate exercise immediately if any untoward responses occur

Generic Name: Enoxaparin	Brand Name: Lovenox
Classification: low molecular weight heparin	Indications: Enoxaparin is indicated for the prevention of ischemic complications in unstable angina and in non Q-wave myocardial infarction; it is indicated in conjunction with percutaneous intervention and/or other treatment for the management of acute ST elevation myocardial infarction.
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: Bleeding gums. coughing up blood. difficulty with breathing or swallowing. increased menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding. nosebleeds. paralysis. prolonged bleeding from cuts. red or black, tarry stools.	Nursing Considerations Monitor platelet count closely. Withhold drugs and notify the physician if platelets count less than 100,000/mm ³ . Monitor closely patients with renal insufficiency and older adults who are at higher risk for thrombocytopenia. Monitor for and report immediately any sign or symptom of unexplained bleeding

Generic Name: Ferrous sulfate	Brand Name: Slow FE, Fer-In-Sol, Feratab,
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	Iron, Mol-Iron, Feosol, and MyKidz Iron 10.
Classification: Iron	Indications: treat and prevent iron deficiency anemia
Side effects/ Adverse reaction: feeling or being sick (nausea or vomiting), stomach pain or heartburn. loss of appetite. constipation. diarrhea. dark or black poo. black stained teeth (from the drops)	Nursing Considerations Monitor Hgb and reticulocyte values during therapy. Investigate the absence of satisfactory response after 3 wk of drug treatment. Continue iron therapy for 2–3 mo after the hemoglobin level has returned to normal (roughly twice the period required to normalize hemoglobin concentration). Monitor bowel movements as constipation is a common adverse effect