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DRUG CARD WEEK 2

NUR 203

| ezetimibe (Ezetrol)   |   |
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| Classifications   | Indications:  |
| Cholesterol-lowering medications  | It is used to treat high blood cholesterol and prevent the absorption of cholesterol in the intestine.  |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:   | Nursing Considerations  |
| Abdominal fullness, black tarry stools, bloody urine or stools, large, hive-like swelling on face, eyelids, lips, legs, feet, sex organs, gaseous abdominal pain, and weakness. | Do not use with patients who have hepatic disease, contraindicated with patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding, do not give patients under 10 years of age due to increased risk for myopathy |

| nitroglycerin (Nitrostat)  |  |
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| Classifications  | Indications:   |
| Vasodilators (Nitrates)  | It works by relaxing the blood vessels and increasing the supply of blood and oxygen to the heart while reducing its workload.   |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations   |
| Bloating or swelling of the face, arms, hands, and lower leg, causes labored breathing, feeling fainting, or lightheadedness, burning, crawling, itching, numbness, prickling, tingling feelings | Check blood pressure and pulse before administration because can cause blood pressure to drop after a single dose, should be stored in a light resistance container in a cool area, not inside the refrigerator. |

| clopidogrel (Plavix)   |  |
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| Classifications  | Indications:   |
| Antiplatelet medications.  | It works by preventing platelets from clotting that may cause a heart attack, stroke, or severe chest pain.  |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations   |
| Headaches, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, constipation, indigestion(Dyspepsia) nosebleeds, abdominal pain. | Be alert for GI bleeding signs, or other signs of bleeds (bleeding gums, unusual bruising, hematuria, fall in hematocrit, or blood pressure). Notify the physician immediately if these signs occur. |

| atorvastatin (Lipitor)                   |                                      |
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| Classifications                          | Indications:                         |
| HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, or statins | Used to treat high blood cholesterol |

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| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:   | Nursing Considerations  |
| Feeling sick (Nausea) or indigestion, headaches, nosebleeds, sore throat, cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, blocked nose, sneezing, constipation, or farting. | Decreased cardiac output, ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion, the risk for impaired liver function, diarrhea, constipation, acute pain, and imbalanced nutrition; more than body requirements. |

| aspirin (Acetylsalicylic Acid)   |  |
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| Classifications  | Indications:   |
| Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs NSAIDs).  | Indicated for temporary relief of headaches, pain, fever of colds, arthritis, menstrual pain, and toothache.   |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations   |
| Change in consciousness, convulsions, decreased frequency or amount of urine, difficulty breathing, black or tarry stools, bloody or cloudy urine. | Monitor hepatic function, assess pain and limitation of movement and assess patient's allergy to aspirin<br>Review patient's history for GI bleeding and ulceration. |

| heparin (Flush Syr/Hep lock)   |   |
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| Classifications  | Indications:  |
| Anticoagulant (blood thinners)   | Used for both prevention and treatment of thrombotic events such as deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and atrial fibrillation.  |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations  |
| Bleeding from the gums when brushing, back pain, coughing out blood, heavy bleeding from cuts, joint pain, stiffness, or swelling, and bloody urine. | Withdraw the needle immediately, and apply prolonged pressure at the injection site, rotate sites in subcutaneous injection. Avoid the IM route for injections due to the risk of hematoma. |

| warfarin (Coumadin and Jantoven)   |   |
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| Classifications  | Indications:  |
| Anticoagulant ("blood thinners")   | Used for both prevention and treatment of thrombotic events such as deep vein thrombosis, presence of artificial heart valves, pulmonary embolism, and atrial fibrillation. |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations  |
| Red or brown urine, black or bloody stool, vomiting of blood, severe bleeding including heavier than usual menstrual bleeding, | Watch for signs of bleeding and hemorrhage. Notify the physician or nursing staff immediately if warfarin causes excessive anticoagulation.                                 |

| Epoetin alfa (Procrit and Epogen)  |   |
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| Classifications  | Indications:  |
| Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESAs)   | Used for the treatment of anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD), including patients on dialysis.   |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations  |
| Bone or joint pain, heartburn, or belching, itching or stinging at the injection site, general feeling of tiredness, loss of strength or energy. | Providing physical treatments, emotional support, and patient education. Initiate seizure precautions, assess dialysis shunts, and monitor for bleeding or signs of anemia. |

| Ferrous sulfate (Ironorm Drops or Feratab)   |  |
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| Classifications  | Indications:   |
| A type of iron   | It is used to treat iron deficiency anemia (a lack of red blood cells caused by having little iron in the body.)                                     |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations   |
| Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, constipation, and dark or discolored stools. | Assess nutritional status, and monitor hemoglobin, hematocrit, and iron levels. Monitor for seizures, hypotension, epigastric pain, and anaphylaxis. |

| enoxaparin (Lovenox)   |   |
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| Classifications  | Indications:  |
| Low molecular weight heparin   | Used for prevention of ischemic complications in unstable angina and in non-Q-wave myocardial infarction.   |
| Side effects/Adverse Reactions:  | Nursing Considerations  |
| Bleeding gums, coughing up blood, difficulty breathing or swallowing, increased menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding, prolonged bleeding from cuts, paralysis. | Monitor platelet counts closely. Withhold the drug and notify the physician if the platelet count is less than 100,000/mm <sup>3</sup> . Monitor patients with renal insufficiency and older adult at risk for thrombocytopenia. Report symptoms of unexplained bleeding. |