

Ibuprofen (Advil)	
Classification:	Indication:
NSAID	Temporary relief from minor aches and pains from headache, backache, common cold, minor arthritis, and toothache
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea• Vomiting• Diarrhea• Constipation• Indigestion• Abdominal pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take the drug with food or after meals if GI upset occurs• Do not exceed the prescribed dosage

Acetaminophen(Tylenol)

Classification:

Indication:

Analgesic/antipyretic

Relief from pain and fever

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Peeling skin
- Rash
- Hives
- Itching
- Hoarseness
- Swelling

- Do not exceed 4,000 mg in a span of 24 hours
- Do not take with alcohol due to risk of liver toxicity

Baclofen(Lioresal)

Classification:

Indication:

Skeletal muscle relaxant

Relief of spasticity of voluntary muscle

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Sleeping problems
- Dry mouth
- Rapid eye movement
- Sweating
- Diarrhea
- Headache

- Monitor the patient for changes in spasticity and muscle strength
- Monitor for CNS symptoms such as confusion and hallucinations

Methadone(Methadose)

Classification:	Indication:
Schedule 2 (?) analgesic	Management for pain that is severe enough to require an opioid analgesic
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restlessness• Upset stomach• Itchy skin• Slow breathing• Weight gain• Heavy sweating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid alcohol at all costs• Do not take leftover medication for other purposes• Avoid pregnancy while taking this drug

Morphine(Roxanol)

Classification:

Indication:

Schedule 2 narcotic

Given for pain involving musculoskeletal system, abdominal, chest, arthritis, and headaches

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Drowsiness
- Stomach pain and cramps
- Dry mouth
- Headache
- Nervousness
- Mood changes

- Monitor blood pressure prior to administration
- Monitor respiratory rate continuously
- Reassess patient after administration

Naloxone(Narcan)

Classification:

Indication:

Opioid antagonist med

Reversal of opioid overdose

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Agitation
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Tearing
- Runny nose

- Assess patient for other causes of mental status changes and respiratory depression prior to administration

Dopamine(Intropin)

Classification:

Indication:

Amine

Correct hemodynamic imbalance in the shock syndrome

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Lightheadedness
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Cold feeling
- Numbness
- Darkened skin

- Monitor for signs of peripheral vasoconstriction
- Notify physician of severe or prolonged signs of vasoconstriction

Hydrocortisone(Dermacort)

Classification:	Indication:
Corticosteroid	Treat swelling, severe allergic reactions, kidney diseases, adrenal problems, and arthritis
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeling dizzy• Headache• Swollen ankles• Feeling weak• Tiredness• More prone to infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply the medication to intact skin with a clean technique• Monitor for side effects of infection development or irritation at the application site

Fentanyl(Actiq)

Classification:	Indication:
Schedule 2 narcotic	Treating severe pain, typically advanced pain from cancer
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relaxation• Euphoria• Pain relief• Dizziness• Nausea and vomiting• Urinary retention• Respiratory depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fentanyl may cause breathing problems or death if it is used with patients who are not tolerant to it• Do not administer to children or patients that have not been prescribed it

Oxycodone(OxyContin)

Classification:	Indication:
Schedule 2 substances	Management of pain that warrants daily around the clock opioid treatment
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constipation• Sexual problems• Swelling• Nausea• Vomiting• Sweating• Itching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor pulse oximetry and perform pulmonary functions tests to quantify suspected changes in ventilation and respiratory function