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DRUG CARD WEEK 9

dobutamine (Dobutrex)	
Classifications	Indications:
Inotropic agents	For short-term use in patients with decreased contractility due to heart failure or cardiac surgical procedures leading to cardiac decompensation.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
chest pain, palpitations, headaches, tremors, shortness of breath, nausea, and vomiting.	Advise patient to inform nurse immediately if chest pain; dyspnea; numbness, tingling, or burning of extremities occurs. Instruct the patient to notify the nurse immediately of pain or discomfort at the site of administration.

iodine Betadine, Wokadine, Pyodine	
Classifications	Indications:
Halogen	Indicated for hyperfunctioning thyroid disease and thyroid carcinoma.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Burning of mouth or throat, headache, increased watering of mouth. irregular heartbeat, metallic taste, numbness, tingling, pain, or weakness in hands or feet, soreness of teeth and gums, stomach upset.	may cause GI bleeding, diarrhea, hypothyroidism, and goiter. monitor for hypersensitivity

vasopressin (Vasopressin, and ADH)	
Classifications	Indications:
Gastrointestinal Agents, Hormone Analog	prevention and treatment of postoperative abdominal distention, in abdominal roentgenography to dispel interfering gas shadows, and in diabetes insipidus.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Abdominal or stomach pain, usually after eating a meal, agitation, back pain, chest tightness or heaviness, coma, convulsions, decreased urine output, and difficulty with swallowing.	Monitor vital signs, especially blood pressure, hourly during intravenous infusion. Monitor urine output and specific gravity. Assess the patient closely for signs of chest discomfort or TIA. Look for signs of life-threatening conditions.

nystatin (Trimovate, Timodine or Nystaform)	
Classifications	Indications:
Polyenes	Treatment and prevention of oral candidiasis (thrush), intestinal candidiasis, and anal candidiasis. It is indicated topically for the

	treatment of vulvovaginal candidiasis and other cutaneous candida infections
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Diarrhea, feeling or being sick (nausea or vomiting)	Advise the patient to report any increased local sensitivity to this drug (pain, burning, itching, swelling). Instruct patient about proper hygiene; thoroughly wash and dry the affected area, wear clean socks and ventilated shoes for tinea pedis, and so forth.

lactulose (Duphalac, Lactugal)	
Classifications	Indications:
FDA pregnancy risk category B drug	Lactulose is indicated for use as a laxative in the treatment of chronic constipation in adults and geriatric patients.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Confusion, decreased urine, fast or irregular heartbeat, increased thirst, lightheadedness, mood changes, muscle pain, cramps, or twitching. nausea or vomiting.	Caution patients that this medication may cause belching, flatulence, or abdominal cramping. Advise patient to notify health care professional if pregnancy is planned or suspected or if breastfeeding.

alteplase (Actilyse, Activase, Cathfo Activase)	
Classifications	Indications:
Fibrinolytic agent	Indications for alteplase include pulmonary embolism, myocardial infarction with ST-segment elevation, ischemic stroke when given within 3 hours of the start of symptoms, and re-establishment of patency in occluded intravenous (IV) catheters.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Bleeding from puncture sites and wounds, coughing up blood, difficulty breathing, headache, increased menstrual flow, nosebleeds, paralysis, prolonged bleeding from cuts.	Perform a neurologic assessment every 15 minutes during the 1-hour infusion. Check for major and/or minor bleeding. Monitor blood pressure every 15 minutes during the 1-hour infusion. Monitor for signs of intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) Monitor for signs of orolingual angioedema.

streptokinase (Kabikinase, Streptase)	
Classifications	Indications:
Thrombolytic agents	Useful in the management and treatment of acute ST-segment myocardial infarction, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, arterial thrombosis or embolism, and arteriovenous cannula occlusion.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations

Abdominal pain or swelling, back pain or backaches, black, tarry stools, burning, itching, redness, or soreness of the skin, cloudy urine, cold clammy skin, coughing up blood, difficulty breathing	Avoid any invasive procedures on the patient during therapy and for 2 hours following therapy. Monitor the patient for signs of bleeding every 15 minutes during therapy and hourly for the next 8 hours following therapy.
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Folic acid (Preconceive, Lexpec)	
Classifications	Indications:
Vitamins, Water-Soluble	Indicated in the treatment of megaloblastic anemias of pregnancy. Folic acid requirements are markedly increased during pregnancy, and deficiency will result in fetal damage
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Feeling sick, nausea, Loss of appetite, Bloating or wind.	Take folic acid with, or just after, a meal or snack to help with feeling sick. Test using the Schilling test and serum vitamin B12 levels to rule out pernicious anemia. Use caution when giving parenteral preparations to premature infants. Monitor the patient for hypersensitivity reactions, especially if the drug has previously been taken.

glucagon (Glucagen and Gvoke)	
Classifications	Indications:
Glycogenolytic agents	Use glucagon to treat insulin coma or insulin reaction resulting from severe hypoglycemia. Symptoms of severe hypoglycemia include disorientation, unconsciousness, and seizures or convulsions.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
Nausea, vomiting, hives, injection site swelling or redness, headache, fast heartbeat.	Assess the IV site closely for signs of extravasation. Observe for signs of adverse effects. Observe clinical conditions closely for signs of hypoglycemia. Monitor blood glucose levels. Monitor blood pressure regularly.

dexamethasone (Dexasone and diodex or Hexadrol)	
Classifications	Indications:
Corticosteroid	Dexamethasone provides relief for inflamed areas of the body. It is used to treat a number of different conditions, such as inflammation, severe allergies, adrenal problems, arthritis, asthma, blood or bone marrow problems, kidney problems, skin conditions, and flare-ups of multiple sclerosis.
Side effects/Adverse Reactions:	Nursing Considerations
sleep problems, mood changes, indigestion, and weight gain	Observe for signs of adverse reactions.

	<p>Monitor blood pressure 2 - 3 times daily.</p> <p>Test for glycosuria daily. If urine is positive for sugar, check each urine. Observe gastric aspirates and stools for bleeding. Observe closely for signs of infection.</p>
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