

Hydrochlorizide (Microzide)	
Classification:	Indication:
Diuretic	Treatment of high blood pressure
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black tarry stools• Bloating• Chest pain• Blood in urine• Stomach leg or back pain• Blistering of the skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give with food or milk if GI upset occurs• Mark calendars or use reminders to alternate drug therapy

Spironolactone (Aldactone)

Classification:	Indication:
Aldosterone receptor antagonist	Heart failure, hyperaldosteronism, adrenal hyperplasia, hypertension, nephrotic syndrome
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dizziness● Feeling or being sick● Muscle or leg cramps● Low energy● Breast pain and enlargement (also in men)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Give daily doses early so that increased urination does not interfere with sleep

Mannitol (Osmitol)

Classification:	Indication:
Diuretic	Reduce intracranial pressure, intraocular pressure and treat cerebral edema
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased urination• Nausea, vomiting• Fever• Chills• Chest pain• Dizziness• Blurred vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vigilantly monitor electrolytes and overall fluid balance• Observe for the development of cardiopulmonary complications in addition to neurologic assessment

Oxybutynin chloride (Ditropan)

Classification:	Indication:
Anticholinergic/antimuscarinic	Treats overactive bladder or symptoms of detrusor overactivity, including urinary frequency and urgency
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry mouth• Headache• Constipation• Farting and burping• Stomach pain• Dry eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be alert for decreased sweating and increased body temperature especially during exercise

Phenazopyridine (Pyridium)

Classification:	Indication:
FDA class B	Relieve uncomfortable symptoms that occur as a consequence of mucosal irritation of the lower urinary tract
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue or purple skin color• Fever and confusion• Shortness of breath• Skin rash• Decreased urine• Weight gain• Yellow eyes or skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid using this drug while breastfeeding, especially with an infant under 1 month of age

Finasteride (Proscar)

Classification:

Indication:

5-alpha reductase inhibitors

Treating benign prostatic hyperplasia

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Inability to get an erection
- Chills
- Cold sweats
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Rapid weight gain

- Speak to a doctor if you get any lumps, pain, or swelling in your chest area. These signs and symptoms may indicate breast cancer

Fluoxetine (Prozac)

Classification:	Indication:
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	Acute and maintenance treatment of major depressive disorder, OCD, and bulimia nervosa
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nervousness• Anxiety• Nausea• Diarrhea• Dry mouth• Heartburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep this drug out of reach of children• Monitor for signs of serotonin toxicity, typically caused by drug interactions

Amitriptyline (Elavil)

Classification:

Indication:

Tricyclic antidepressants

Anxiety, PTSD, insomnia, chronic pain, irritable bowel syndrome, interstitial cystitis

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Sleepiness
- Difficulty urinating
- Headache

- Do not administer IV
- Restrict drug access for depressed and potentially suicidal patients

Lithium (Priadel)

Classification:

Indication:

Antimanic agent

Treatment of manic episodes with bipolar disorder

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nursing Considerations:

- Shaking of the hands
- Weight gain
- Dry mouth
- Metallic taste in mouth
- Nausea
- Diarrhea

- Take this drug as prescribed, after meals or with food or milk
- Eat a normal diet with a normal salt intake

Haloperidol (Haldol)

Classification:	Indication:
Conventional antipsychotics	Treating the manifestations of several psychotic disorders, including schizophrenia, acute psychosis, and tourette syndrome
Side effects/ adverse reactions:	Nursing Considerations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry mouth• Increased saliva• Blurred vision• Loss of appetite• Constipation• Diarrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor for signs of hypersensitivity reactions including laryngeal edema, wheezing, or dyspnea