

TO BE USED FOR PATIENT EDUCATION ON MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION *DURING HOSPITAL -STAY*

For (Drug purpose)	Medication(s)	Possible side effects
Allergy	diphenhydramine (benadryl), loratadine (claritin), cetirizine (zyrtec)	drowsiness, dry mouth, blurred vision, dry mouth, trouble urinating, fast heart rate, nausea, constipation, headache, anxiety, loss of concentration
Alzheimer's / Dementia	donepezil (aricept), memantine (namenda)	diarrhea, nausea, insomnia, confusion, headache, vomiting
Anxiety	lorazepam (ativan), clonazepam (klonopin), diazepam (valium), alprazolam (xanax)	drowsiness, feeling tired, withdrawal symptoms (anxiety, panic attacks, restlessness, insomnia, irritability, poor concentration, confusion, nausea, vomiting, weight loss, fast heart rate, muscle stiffness), dizziness
Asthma/COPD (Inhalers)	ipratropium (atrovent) budesonide (pulmicort), albuterol (ventolin), levalbuterol (xopenex)	sore throat, nausea, cough, stuffy nose, sinus problems
Blood sugar	dapagliflozin (farxiga), glipizide (glucotrol), insulin aspart & insulin glargine, sitagliptin (januvia), empagliflozin (jardiance), metformin (glucophage)	low blood sugar (feeling shaky, sweaty, dizzy), swelling in legs or feet, increased urine, low blood pressure, dehydration, dizziness
Blood thinner	aspirin, ticagrelor (brilinta), apixaban (eliquis), heparin, enoxaparin (lovenox), clopidogrel (plavix), warfarin (jantoven), rivaroxaban (xarelto)	bleeding & bruising; stomach ulcers & upset stomach; low blood platelets (can cause bruising or bleeding); pain or swelling at injection site
Chest pain	isosorbide mononitrate (imdur), nitroglycerin (nitrostat), ranolazine (ranexa)	dizziness, headache, low blood pressure, red face, feeling hot
Cholesterol	atorvastatin (lipitor), rosuvastatin (crestor), simvastatin (zocor), pravastatin (pravachol), fenofibrate (trikor), ezetimibe (zetia)	muscle pain, muscle weakness, stomach upset, sore throat, stuffy nose
Constipation	docusate (colace), bisacodyl (dulcolax), lactulose (enulose), senna (senokot)	diarrhea, stomach pain, bloating, gas; may change color of urine
Cough	benzonatate (tessalon), guaifenesin/codeine (guaifenesin AC), guaifenesin/DM (mucinex DM)	drowsiness, headache, constipation, dizziness, weakness
Depression	amitriptyline (elavil), buspirone (buspar), citalopram (celexa), duloxetine (cymbalta), venlafaxine (effexor), escitalopram (lexapro), paroxetine (paxil), fluoxetine (prozac), mirtazapine (remeron), bupropion (wellbutrin), sertraline (zoloft)	headache, nausea, diarrhea, trouble sleeping, tiredness, dizziness, dry mouth, constipation
Gout	allopurinol (zyloprim), colchicine (colcris)	diarrhea, vomiting, muscle pain
Heartburn	famotidine (pepcid), pantoprazole (protonix)	headache, diarrhea, stomach pain; increased risk of bone fractures
Heartrate	amiodarone (nexterone), digoxin (lanoxin), dronedarone (multaq), sotalol (betapace)	low blood pressure; swelling in legs or feet; slower heart rate; kidney problems; dry cough; high potassium level
High blood pressure	nicardipine (cardene), diltiazem (cardizem), clonidine (catapres), carvedilol (coreg), enalaprilat (vasotec), sacubitril & valsartan (entresto), hydralazine (apresoline), losartan & hydrochlorothiazide (hyzaar), labetalol (trandate), lisinopril (zestril), losartan (cozaar), metoprolol (lopressor & toprol), amlodipine (norvasc), propranolol (inderal)	low blood pressure; swelling in legs or feet; slower heart rate; kidney problems; dry cough; high potassium level
Infection (Bacterial)	amoxicillin (amoxil), ampicillin (omnipen), cefazolin (ancef), amoxicillin & clavulanic acid (augmentin), ceftazidime & avibactam (avycaz), azithromycin (zithromax), aztreonam (azactam), trimethoprim & sulfamethoxazole (bactrim), cefepime (maxipime), ciprofloxacin (ciproxin), clindamycin (cleocin), daptomycin (cubicin), ertapenem (invanz), cefiderocol (fetroja), metronidazole (flagyl), cephalexin (keflex), levofloxacin (levaquin), meropenem (merrem), nafcillin (nafcil), oxacillin (bactocil), ceftriaxone (rocephin), ampicillin & sulbactam (unasyn), vancomycin, piperacillin & tazobactam (zosyn), linezolid (zyvox)	allergic reactions, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting; seizures with certain antibiotics; kidney problems; dizziness; stomach cramps, metallic taste, rash, headache

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Infection (Fungal)	fluconazole (diflucan), micafungin (mycamine), nystatin	diarrhea, headache, nausea, vomiting; low blood platelets (can cause easy bruising) with certain drugs
Infection (Viral)	acyclovir (zovirax), remdesivir (veklury), oseltamivir (tamiflu), valacyclovir (valtrex)	headache, rash, nausea, stomach pain, vomiting; pain at injection site
Inflammation	dexamethasone (decadron), prednisone (deltasone), methylprednisolone (medrol)	stomach ulcers, upset stomach, higher blood sugar, infections, weak bones, muscle weakness, headache, nausea, trouble sleeping, high blood pressure, weight changes, fluid retention
Muscle spasm	cyclobenzaprine (flexeril), baclofen (lioresal), methocarbamol (robaxin)	dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, constipation; dry mouth with cyclobenzaprine; metallic taste with methocarbamol
Nausea / Vomiting	metoclopramide (reglan), ondansetron (zofran)	drowsiness, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, involuntary limb movements, constipation, headache
Pain (moderate to severe)	hydromorphone (dilauid), meperidine (demerol), morphine (MS contin), hydrocodone & acetaminophen (norco), oxycodone (oxycontin), oxycodone & acetaminophen (percocet), tramadol (ultram)	nausea, tiredness, headache, vomiting, constipation, dizziness, slow breathing
Pain / Inflammation	ibuprofen (advil), aspirin, celecoxib (celebrex), meloxicam (mobic)	higher risk of heart problems, stomach problems (including ulcers), long-lasting bleeding, dizziness, nausea, heartburn
Parkinson's Disease	benztropine (cogentin), pramipexole (mirapex), ropinirole (requip), carbidopa & levodopa (sinemet)	dizziness when standing up, nausea, trouble balancing, muscle spasms, constipation, tiredness, swelling in feet with one drug
Prostate	tamsulosin (flomax), terazosin (hytrin)	headache, dizziness, stuffy nose, infection, back pain, low blood pressure
Psychological Disorders	aripiprazole (abilify), clozapine (clozaril), haloperidol (haldol), lithium (lithobid), risperidone (risperdal), quetiapine (seroquel), olanzapine (zyprexa)	high or low blood pressure, weight gain, more appetite, dry mouth, feeling restless, dizziness, tiredness, headache, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, constipation
Seizure	valproic acid (depakene), divalproex (depakote), phenytoin (dilantin), gabapentin (neurontin), levetiracetam (Keppra), lamotrigine (lamictal), pregabalin (lyrica), oxcarbazepine (trileptal), topiramate (topamax), lacosamide (vimpat)	headache, agitation, drowsiness, dizziness, trouble walking
Sleep	zolpidem (ambien), trazodone (desyrel), temazepam (restoril)	headache, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, unusual dreams or confusion
Thyroid	levothyroxine (synthroid)	heart racing, trouble breathing during exercise, trouble sleeping, irregular heartbeat, insomnia
Water pill (Diuretic)	spironolactone (aldactone), chlorthalidone (thaltone), hydrochlorothiazide (microzide), furosemide (lasix), metolazone	dizziness; headache, increased urination, constipation; spironolactone: swelling, hot sensation of the face; hydrochlorothiazide: skin sensitivity to light; furosemide: acute kidney injury; metolazone: low blood pressure when standing up

This is not an all-inclusive list of medications & side effects. Some medications may be used for other purposes. Side effects listed here are the most common. Information included is intended for a brief overview. Please refer to Medication Guide or speak with your physician/pharmacist if you have questions.