



Pharmacy Services

Your Medicine: Purpose and Possible Side Effects

This sheet lists the purpose and possible side effects of medicine that your doctor has ordered during your hospital stay. (Your home medicines are not included.) A side effect is unwanted. You may or may not experience side effects. All medicines might cause a severe allergic reaction: itching, rash, swelling of hands or face, swelling or tingling in your mouth or throat, chest tightness or trouble breathing. If you experience a severe allergic reaction, seek medical help at once. If you have questions about your medicine, please talk to your doctor or nurse.

Medicines for high blood sugar (diabetes)

- Glimepiride (Amaryl)
- Glipizide (Glucotrol)
- Glyburide (Diabeta, Glynase, Micronase)
- Metformin (Glucophage)
- Insulin
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Hunger, nausea, vomiting, sweating

Medicines for sleep, anxiety or seizures

- Lorazepam (Ativan)
- Diazepam (Valium)
- Zolpidem (Ambien)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Drowsiness, confusion, dizziness

Medicines for allergy

- Cetirizine (Zyrtec)
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- Hydroxyzine (Atarax, Vistaril)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Drowsiness, confusion, dizziness, blurred vision, dry mouth

Medicines for breathing difficulty

- Albuterol (Ventolin)
- Fluticasone/salmeterol (Advair)
- Ipratropium (Atrovent)
- Tiotropium (Spiriva)
- Salmeterol (Serevent)
- Budesonide (Pulmicort)
- Fluticasone (Flovent)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Coughing, sore throat, rapid heart rate

Medicines for nausea and vomiting

- Metoclopramide (Reglan)
- Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
- Ondansetron (Zofran)
- Promethazine (Phenergan)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Headache, fatigue, drowsiness, constipation

Medicines for constipation

- Bisacodyl (Dulcolax)
- Polyethylene glycol (Golytely, Miralax)
- Milk of Magnesia
- Senna (Senokot)
- Docusate sodium (Colace)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting

Medicines for diarrhea

- Diphenoxylate + Atropine (Lomotil)
- Loperamide (Imodium)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Constipation, nausea, vomiting

Medicines for indigestion

- Pantoprazole (Protonix)
- Lansoprazole (Prevacid)
- Famotidine (Pepcid)
- Ranitidine (Zantac)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Headache, diarrhea, flatulence (gas)

Medicines for pain

- Hydrocodone + acetaminophen (Lortab)
- Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Roxicodone)
- Morphine
- Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin)
- Naproxen (Aleve)
- Tramadol (Ultram)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Constipation, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea

Medicines to treat infection

- Amoxicillin (Amoxil)
- Amoxicillin + clavulanate (Augmentin)
- Azithromycin (Zithromax)
- Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)
- Levofloxacin (Levaquin)
- Penicillin
- Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (Bactrim, Septra)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Medicines to stop heart attacks, strokes and blood clots

- Aspirin
- Aspirin + dipyridamole (Aggrenox)
- Clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Prasugrel (Effient)
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
- Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
- Apixaban (Eliquis)
- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)
- Warfarin (Coumadin)
- Enoxaparin (Lovenox)
- Heparin
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Bleeding, bruising, nosebleed, nausea

Medicines to control heart beat

- Amiodarone (Cordarone; Pacerone)
- Dronedaron (Multaq)
- Dofetilide (Tikosyn)
- Digoxin (Lanoxin)
- Sotalol (Betapace)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Fatigue, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache

Medicines to lower cholesterol

- Atorvastatin (Lipitor)
- Pravastatin (Pravachol)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Muscle pain, diarrhea, nausea

Medicines to treat high blood pressure: ACE-Inhibitors and Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

- Benazepril (Lotensin)
- Lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril)
- Captopril (Capoten)
- Quinapril (Accupril)
- Enalapril (Vasotec)
- Ramipril (Altace)
- Fosinopril (Monopril)
- Trandolapril (Mavik)
- Moexipril (Univasc)
- Candesartan (Atacand)
- Losartan (Cozaar)
- Eprosartan (Teveten)
- Olmesartan (Benicar)
- Irbesartan (Avapro)
- Valsartan (Diovan)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Coughing, dizziness

Medicines to treat high blood pressure: Beta-Blockers

- Atenolol (Tenormin)
- Labetalol (Trandate)
- Carvedilol (Coreg)
- Metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol XL)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath

Medicines to treat high blood pressure: Calcium-channel blockers

- Amlodipine (Norvasc)
- Diltiazem (Cardizem, Cartia XT, Dilacor XR, Tiazac)
- Felodipine (Plendil)
- Verapamil (Calan, Isoptin, Verelan)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Dizziness, constipation, swelling of ankles and/or hands

Medicines to treat high blood pressure: Vasodilators

- Hydralazine (Apresoline)
- Isosorbide mononitrate (Imdur, Ismo)
- Isosorbide dinitrate (Isordil)
- Hydralazine + Isosorbide dinitrate (Bidil)
- Nitroglycerin
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Dizziness, facial flushing, nausea

Medicines to treat high blood pressure: Diuretics (fluid pill or water pill) "Fluid Pill" or "Water Pill"

- Bumetanide (Bumex)
- Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ)
- Chlorothiazide (Diuril)
- Metolazone (Zaroxolyn)
- Furosemide (Lasix)
- Torsemide (Demadex)
- Other: _____

Possible Side Effects: Dizziness, dry mouth, thirst