

Medication Side Effects Fact Sheet



Antibiotic (Bacterial Infection)

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Aminoglycosides (Amikacin, Tobramycin, Gentamicin), Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (Augmentin*), Azithromycin (Zithromax*), Cephalosporin (Cefepime, Cefotetan, Ceftriaxone), Clindamycin (Cleocin*), Fluoroquinolone (Levaquin*, Cipro*, Linezolid (Zyvox*), Meropenem (Merrem*), Metronidazole (Flagyl*), Piperacillin/Tazobactam (Zosyn*), Vancomycin (Vancocin*)

Common Side Effects

Tendon Rupture (Fluoroquinolones), Rash Flushing, Diarrhea, Headache, Upset Stomach, Nausea, Vomiting

Blood Clot Prevention

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Apixaban (Eliquis*), Aspirin, Clopidogrel (Plavix*), Dabigatran (Pradaxa*), Enoxaparin (Lovenox*), Heparin, Rivaroxaban (Xarelto*), Warfarin (Coumadin*)

Common Side Effects

Upset Stomach, Bleeding, Skin Rash, Bruising

Cardiac (Heart Rate Control)

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Amiodarone (Cordarone*, Pacerone*), Digoxin (Digitek*, Lanoxin*), Diltiazem (Cardizem*), Dronedaronone (Multaq*)

Common Side Effects

Constipation, Headache, Drowsiness, Dizziness, Nausea

Anti-Inflammatory

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Celecoxib (Celebrex*), Dexamethasone (Decadron*), Hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef*), Ibuprofen (Motrin*), Ketorolac (Toradol*), Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol*), Naproxen (Naprosyn*), Prednisone

Common Side Effects

Heartburn, Dizziness, Diarrhea, Insomnia, Upset Stomach, Headache

Blood Pressure (Control) & Heart Failure

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Beta Blockers: Atenolol (Tenormin*), Carvedilol (Coreg*), Labetalol (Trandate*), Metoprolol (Lopressor*, Toprol XL*)

ACE Inhibitors: Captopril (Capoten*), Enalapril (Vasotec*), Lisinopril (Prinivil*), Ramipril (Altace*)

Angiotensin Receptor Blockers: Losartan (Cozaar*), Valsartan (Diovan*)

Common Side Effects

Slow Heart Rate, Cough (ACE Inhibitors), Drowsiness, Dizziness, Fatigue, Nausea, Low Blood Pressure

Cholesterol Reduction

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Atorvastatin (Lipitor*), Ezetimibe (Zetia*), Fenofibrate (Tricor*), Pravastatin (Pravachol*), Simvastatin (Zocor*)

Common Side Effects

Brown Urine, Muscle Pain, Upset Stomach, Headache, Diarrhea

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Diuretic ("Water Pill")

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Bumetanide (Bumex[®]), Furosemide (Lasix[®]),
Hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide[®]),
Spironolactone (Aldactone[®]), Torsemide (Demadex[®])

Common Side Effects

Dehydration, Low Blood Pressure, Drowsiness, Dizziness,
Headache, Ringing in the Ears



Heartburn/Reflux/GERD Stomach Ulcer

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Famotidine (Pepcid[®]), Pantoprazole (Protonix[®]), Sucralfate
(Carafate[®]), Ranitidine (Zantac[®]), Alu/Mag/Cal/Sim (Maalox[®])

Common Side Effects

Diarrhea, Headache, Constipation, Nausea



Pain

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Fentanyl (Duragesic[®], Sublimaze[®]), Hydrocodone/
Acetaminophen (Norco[®]), Hydromorphone (Dilaudid[®]),
Morphine (MS Contin[®]), Oxycodone (Oxycontin[®]),
Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (Percocet[®]), Tramadol (Ultram[®])

Common Side Effects

Itching, Rash, Constipation, Upset Stomach, Drowsiness,
Dizziness, Nausea, Vomiting, Difficulty Breathing



Diabetic (High Blood Sugar)

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Insulin Detemir (Levemir[®]), Glucophage (Metformin[®]),
Glipizide (Glucotrol[®]), Insulin 70/30, Insulin Aspart (Novolog[®])

Common Side Effects

Headache, Low Blood Sugar, Diarrhea, Nausea, Vomiting, Gas



Nausea/Vomiting

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Prochlorperazine (Compazine[®]), Ondansetron (Zofran[®]),
Promethazine (Phenergan[®]), Scopolamine Patch,
Metoclopramide (Reglan[®])

Common Side Effects

Constipation, Fatigue, Headache



Sleep Aid (Anxiety, Insomnia)

Medication: Generic Name (Brand Name)

Alprazolam (Xanax[®]), Clonazepam (Klonopin[®]),
Diazepam (Valium[®]), Lorazepam (Ativan[®]),
Temazepam (Restoril[®]), Zolpidem (Ambien[®])

Common Side Effects

Skin Rash, Headache, Drowsiness, Dizziness,
Hallucinations, Confusion, Weight Gain