

New York-Presbyterian

Common Uses & Side Effects of Medications (Emergency Department)

Common Medications	Common Use for Medication	Side effects that <u>MAY</u> occur
Gastrointestinal (Stomach, Intestine, Colon)		
Famotidine (Pepcid®) Pantoprazole (Protonix®)	-Peptic ulcers -GERD -Stomach bleed	Gas Nausea Dizziness Stomach pain
Metoclopramide (Reglan®) Ondansetron (Zofran®) Prochlorperazine (Compazine®)	-Nausea/vomiting	Fatigue (Feeling tired) Dizziness Constipation
Docusate sodium (Colace®)	-Constipation	Stomach cramping Diarrhea Nausea
Bisacodyl (Dulcolax®) Lactulose Polyethylene glycol (Miralax®) Senna (Senokot®) Sodium phosphate enema (Fleet®)		
Aluminum hydroxide/magnesium hydroxide/simethicone (Maalox®) Magnesium hydroxide (Milk of Magnesia®)	-Antacid -Upset stomach	Headache Stomach pain Cramping
Atropine-diphenoxylate (Lomotil®) Loperamide (Imodium®) Octreotide (Sandostatin™)	-Diarrhea	Nausea Constipation Stomach cramping
Simethicone (Mylicon®)	-Gas	Most patients have no side effects
Analgesics (Pain Medications)		
Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)	-Fever -Pain relief	Dizziness Nausea Vomiting
Gabapentin (Neurotin®) Pregabalin (Lyrica®)	-Nerve pain relief	
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®) Oxycodone (Oxycontin®) Oxycodone-acetaminophen (Percocet®) Methadone Morphine (MS Contin®) Tramadol (Ultram®)	-Pain relief	Dizziness Nausea/Vomiting Constipation Confusion Itchiness Drowsiness
Ibuprofen (Motrin®) Ketorolac (Toradol®)		Nausea/Vomiting Upset Stomach
Benzocaine-menthol (Cepacol®)		Nausea/Vomiting
Gout		
Allopurinol (Zyloprim®) Colchicine (Colcrys®)	-Gout	Diarrhea Nausea Stomach pain

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Cardiovascular (Heart and Veins)		
Bumetanide (Bumex®) Furosemide (Lasix®) Hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide®) Metolazone (Zaroxolyn®) Torsemide (Demadex®)	-Fluid overload -Heart failure -High blood pressure	Dizziness Increase urination Sensitivity to sunlight Electrolyte imbalance
Atenolol (Tenormin®) Carvedilol (Coreg®) Labetalol (Normodyne®) Metoprolol (Lopressor®/Toprol XL®) Propranolol (Inderal®)	-Heart rate control -High blood pressure -Heart failure	Slow heart rate Low blood pressure Dizziness Fatigue Constipation
Eplerenone (Inspra®) Spironolactone (Aldactone®)	-Heart failure -High blood pressure	Increased potassium Breast enlargement (spironolactone)
Captopril (Capoten®) Lisinopril (Prinivil®) Losartan (Cozaar®) Valsartan (Diovan®)	-Heart failure -High blood pressure	Dizziness Cough (Ace inhibitors) High potassium level
Atorvastatin (Lipitor®) Pravastatin (Pravachol®) Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)	-Lower cholesterol -Prevent or treat heart attack or stroke	Headache Muscle pain Weakness Diarrhea
Amlodipine (Norvasc®) Diltiazem (Cardizem®) Nicardipine (Cardene®) Nifedipine XL (Procardia®) Verapamil (Calan®)	-High blood pressure -Heart rate control	Headache Lightheadedness Dizziness
Hydralazine (Apresoline®)	-High blood pressure -Heart failure	Headache Dizziness IV- irritation at injection site
Neurologic/Psychiatric (Brain Medications)		
Alprazolam (Xanax®) Chlordiazepoxide (Librium®) Clonazepam (Klonopin®) Diazepam (Valium®) Lorazepam (Ativan®)	-Anxiety -Seizures -Muscle spasms -Alcohol withdrawal	Dizziness Drowsiness
Carbamazepine (Tegretol®) Lamotrigine (Lamictal®) Levetiracetam (Keppra®) Phenytoin (Dilantin®) Valproic acid (Depakote®)	-Prevent and/or treat seizures or -Help improve mood (carbamazepine, valproic acid, lamotrigine)	Dizziness Drowsiness Rash
Citalopram (Celexa®) Escitalopram (Lexapro®) Mirtazapine (Remeron®) Sertraline (Zoloft®)	-Depression and anxiety	Headache Increased appetite Drowsiness Nausea
Haloperidol (Haldol®) Olanzapine (Zyprexa®) Quetiapine (Seroquel®) Risperidone (Risperdal®)	-Bipolar disorder -Schizophrenia -Anxiety	Drowsiness High blood sugar Weight gain
Baclofen (Lioresal®, Gablofen®) Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril®)	-Muscle spasms	Dry mouth Drowsiness

Common Medications	Common Use for Medication	Side effects that MAY occur
Antihistamine (Allergy)		
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®) Hydroxyzine (Atarax®)	-Itchiness	Sleepiness Dizziness
Pulmonary (Lungs)		
Albuterol (Proair®, Proventil®, Ventolin®) Ipratropium (Atrovent®)	-Asthma -COPD -Shortness of breath	Shakiness Increased heart rate Headache
Budesonide-formoterol (Symbicort®)	-Asthma -COPD	Headache, oral thrush
Prostate		
Finasteride (Proscar®) Tamsulosin (Flomax®)	-Enlarged prostate	Dizziness Headache
Electrolytes and supplements		
Calcium gluconate Magnesium Oxide Magnesium Sulfate Potassium Chloride Sodium Bicarbonate	-Low electrolyte levels	Diarrhea (magnesium) Upset Stomach IV- irritation at injection site
Calcium Carbonate Folic acid Multivitamin Thiamine	-Supplements	Constipation (calcium only)
Cholecalciferol Ergocalciferol	- Low Vitamin D levels	Most people do not have side effects
Vaccines		
Hepatitis B Vaccine (Recombivax®)	-Exposure to Hepatitis B	Redness Pain to Injection Site
Rabies Vaccine (RabAvert®)	-Exposure to Rabies	
Tetanus Vaccine (Adacel®)	-Exposure to Tetanus	
Imaging Agents		
Diatrizoate (Gastrografin®)	-Contrast Dye	Allergic Reaction (rare)

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