

Medication Side Effects

This handout includes common side effects of medications you may receive. This information is NOT all-inclusive and additional information is available at your request. If you have any questions or concerns about any of your medications, please let your physician, nurse or pharmacist know.

Use		Medications Generic (Brand)	Most Common Side Effects
Treatment of pain		○ Fentanyl ○ Hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Norco®) ○ Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®) ○ Morphine (MS Contin®) ○ Oxycodone/acetaminophen (Percocet®) ○ Tramadol (Ultram®)	○ Constipation ○ Drowsiness/dizziness ○ Itching/rash ○ Nausea/vomiting
Treatment of nausea/vomiting		○ Ondansetron (Zofran®) ○ Promethazine (Phenergan®) ○ Scopolamine patch	○ Constipation ○ Fatigue ○ Headache
Treatment of infections		○ Amoxicillin/clavulanate (Augmentin®) ○ Cefazolin (Ancef®) ○ Ceftriaxone (Rocephin®) ○ Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®) ○ Clindamycin (Cleocin®) ○ Levofloxacin (Levaquin®) ○ Meropenem (Merrem®) ○ Metronidazole (Flagyl®) ○ Piperacillin/Tazobactam (Zosyn®) ○ Vancomycin (Vancocin®)	○ Diarrhea ○ Drowsiness/dizziness ○ Flushing/rash ○ Headache ○ Upset stomach
Prevention or treatment of blood clots		○ Apixaban (Eliquis®) ○ Aspirin ○ Clopidogrel (Plavix®) ○ Dabigatran (Pradaxa®) ○ Enoxaparin (Lovenox®) ○ Heparin ○ Prasugrel (Effient®) ○ Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®) ○ Warfarin (Coumadin®)	○ Bruising ○ Risk of bleeding ○ Upset stomach
Treatment of changes in heart rhythm		○ Amiodarone (Pacerone®) ○ Digoxin (Digitek®) ○ Diltiazem (Cardizem®)	○ Drowsiness/dizziness ○ Headache
Treatment of heartburn and/or stomach ulcers		○ Famotidine (Pepcid®) ○ Pantoprazole (Protonix®)	○ Abdominal cramping ○ Diarrhea ○ Headache

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Treatment of anxiety or insomnia		○ Lorazepam (Ativan®) ○ Temazepam (Restoril®) ○ Zolpidem (Ambien®)	○ Confusion ○ Drowsiness/dizziness ○ Headache
Treatment of fluid overload		○ Bumetanide (Bumex®) ○ Furosemide (Lasix®) ○ Hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide®) ○ Spironolactone (Aldactone®) ○ Torsemide (Demadex®)	○ Decreased blood pressure ○ Dehydration ○ Dizziness ○ Electrolyte imbalance (low sodium or potassium)
Treatment of high blood pressure and/or heart rate; used to reduce risk of heart attack or heart failure		ACE Inhibitors ○ Captopril ○ Enalapril (Vasotec®) ○ Lisinopril (Zestril®) Angiotensin Receptor Blockers ○ Losartan (Cozaar®) Beta-Blockers ○ Atenolol (Tenormin®) ○ Carvedilol (Coreg®) ○ Labetolol (Trandate®) ○ Metoprolol (Toprol XL®, Lopressor®)	○ Cough (ACE inhibitors) ○ Decreased blood pressure ○ Decreased heart rate ○ Dizziness (especially when standing quickly) ○ Drowsiness ○ Headache
Treatment of high cholesterol; reduces risk of heart attacks and/or stroke		○ Atorvastatin (Lipitor®) ○ Ezetimibe (Zetia®) ○ Feofibrate (Tricor®) ○ Pravastatin (Pravachol®)	○ Headache ○ Muscle pain ○ Upset stomach
Treatment of inflammation		○ Celecoxib (Celebrex®) ○ Dexamethasone (Decadron®) ○ Hydrocortisone (Cortef®) ○ Ibuprofen (Motrin®, Advil®) ○ Ketorolac (Toradol®) ○ Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol®) ○ Prednisone	○ Insomnia ○ Upset stomach
Treatment of constipation		○ Bisacodyl (Dulcolax®) ○ Docusate (Colace®) ○ PEG3350 (Miralax®)	○ Belching ○ Bloating/cramping ○ Diarrhea ○ Nausea
Treatment of high blood sugar (diabetes)		○ Glipizide (Glucotrol®) ○ Insulin ○ Metformin (Glucophage®) ○ Pioglitazone (Actos®)	○ Low blood sugar (shakiness, sweating, increased heart rate, clamminess) ○ Stomach upset
Improvement of breathing (e.g., in asthma/COPD)		○ Albuterol (Proventil®) ○ Albuterol/ipratropium (DuoNeb®) ○ Budesonide/formoterol (Symbicort®) ○ Fluticasone/salmeterol (Advair®) ○ Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	○ Dizziness ○ Headache ○ Shakiness