









Medication Side Effects

This chart describes the **most common side effects** of the medicines you may be taking. Please ask your nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

Reason for Medicine	Medicine Names: Generic (Brand)	Side Effects
Pain Relief No Pain Moderate Pain Severe Pain Worst Possible 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Norco®) Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®) Morphine Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (Percocet®) Oxycontin Tramadol (Ultram®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confusion Constipation Dizziness Drowsiness Dry mouth Queasiness Rash Throwing up
Queasiness or Throwing Up 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ondansetron (Zofran®) Promethazine (Phenergan®) Scopolamine 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constipation Drowsiness Dizziness Fatigue Headache
Heartburn or Reflux 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calcium Carbonate (Tums®) Esomeprazole (Nexium®) Famotidine (Pepcid®) Lansoprazole (Prevacid®) Omeprazole (Prilosec®) Pantoprazole (Protonix®) Ranitidine (Zantac®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constipation Diarrhea Headache Throwing up Upset stomach
Lowers Cholesterol 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atorvastatin (Lipitor®) Ezetimibe/Simvastatin (Vytorin®) Pravastatin (Pravachol®) Rosuvastatin (Crestor®) Simvastatin (Zocor®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headache Muscle pain Upset stomach
Blood Thinner/Blood Clot Treatment (stops or breaks down blood clots) 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apixaben (Eliquis®) Aspirin Clopidogrel (Plavix®) Enoxaparin (Lovenox®) Fondaparinux (Arixtra®) Heparin Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®) Warfarin (Coumadin®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood in stool or urine Bruising Risk of bleeding Upset stomach

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Heart Rhythm Problems 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amiodarone (Pacerone® or Cordarone®) • Digoxin (Digitek® or Lanoxin®) • Propranolol (Inderal®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness • Headache • Throwing up • Upset stomach
Lowers Blood Pressure and Heart Rate 	Examples: Calcium Channel Blockers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diltiazem (Cardizem (CD)®, Cartia XT®, Tiazac®, Dilacor XR®) Beta Blockers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atenolol (Tenormin®) • Carvedilol (Coreg®) • Metoprolol (Lopressor®, Toprol XL®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness • Drowsiness • Headache • Lightheadedness • Upset stomach • Swelling • Throwing up
Lowers Blood Pressure 	Examples: ACE Inhibitors, Angiotensin Receptor Blockers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benzapril, Captopril, Enalapril, Lisinopril, Quinapril, Ramipril • Candesartan (Atacand®) • Irbesartan (Avapro®), Olmesartan (Benicar®), Valsartan (Diovan®) • Losartan (Cozarr®) Diuretics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furosemide (Lasix®) • Hydrochlorothiazide • Spironolactone 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Dizziness • Lightheadedness
Antibiotic to Treat and Prevent Bacterial Infections 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (Augmentin®) • Co-Trimoxazole, Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (Bactrim®, Bactrim DS®, Septra®, Septra DS®) • Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®) • Clindamycin (Cleocin®) • Levofloxacin (Levaquin®) • Metronidazole (Flagyl®) • Moxifloxacin (Avelox®) • Vancomycin (Vancocin®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhea • Headache • Rash/flushing • Throwing up • Upset stomach
Helps With Inflammation (swelling) 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celecoxib (Celebrex®) • Dexamethasone (Decadron®) • Ibuprofen (Motrin®) • Ketorolac (Toradol®) • Meloxicam (Mobic®) • Naproxen (Aleve®, Naprosyn®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of bleeding • Sleeplessness • Swelling • Upset stomach
Calms Nerves or Makes You Sleepy 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alprazolam (Xanax®) • Diazepam (Valium®) • Lorazepam (Ativan®) • Zolpidem (Ambien®) 	Side Effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion • Dizziness • Drowsiness • Headache

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