

Medication side effects

The information below will help you understand your new medications and common side effects you should know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask your physician, nurse or pharmacist.

Pain relief

Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)

Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen
(Hycet®, Norco®)

Ketorolac (Toradol®)

Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)

Morphine (MS Contin®)

Oxycodone (Oxycontin®)

Oxycodone/Acetaminophen
(Percocet®)

Common side effects

Dizziness/Drowsiness, Constipation,
Nausea, Rash, Confusion

Antibiotics

Ampicillin

Amoxicillin (Amoxil®)

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate
(Augmentin®)

Cefazolin (Ancef®)

Cephalexin (Keflex)

Cefotaxime (Claforan®)

Ceftriaxone (Rocephin®)

Ceftazidime (Fortaz®)

Cefepime (Maxipime®)

Cefdinir (Omnicef®)

Levofloxacin (Levaquin®)

Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)

Gentamicin

Tobramycin

Amikacin

Metronidazole (Flagyl®)

Ampicillin-sulbactam (Unasyn®)

Piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn®)

Azithromycin (Zithromax®)

Vancomycin (Vancocin®)

Clindamycin (Cleocin®)

Linezolid (Zyvox®)

Common side effects

Upset Stomach, Diarrhea, Rash/
Flushing, Headache

Prevent / treat blood clots

Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)

Warfarin (Coumadin®)

Aspirin

Clopidogrel (Plavix®)

Heparin

Common side effects

Bruising, Risk of Bleeding

Control blood sugars

Insulin glargine/detemir
(Lantus®; Levemir®)

Insulin aspart (Novolog®)

Insulin lispro (Humalog®)

Insulin regular
(Humulin R®, Novolin R®)

Common side effects

Stomach Upset

If blood sugar too low, then:
Shakiness, Anxiety, Sweating,
Clamminess, Increase Heart Rate

Metformin (Glucophage®)

Brings down fever

Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)

Common side effects

Difficulty going potty, Dark colored urine

Calm nerves or make you sleepy

Diazepam (Valium®)

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)

Midazolam (Versed®)

Common side effects

Dizziness/Drowsiness, Headache, Confusion

Help breathing (quick relief)

Albuterol (Proventil®, Ventolin®)

Albuterol/Ipratropium (DuoNeb®)

Common side effects

Dizziness, Headache, Shaking, Possible increased heart rate

Long-term asthma controller medications

(take every day)

Budesonide/Formoterol
(Symbicort®)

Fluticasone (Flovent®)

Beclomethasone (Qvar®)

Fluticasone/Salmeterol (Advair®)

Montelukast (Singulair®)

Common side effects

Oral Thrush with steroids, Cough, Hoarseness

Inflammation with asthma

Methylprednisolone (Solumedrol®)

Prednisone (Deltasone®)

Prednisolone (Orapred®)

Dexamethasone (Decadron®)

Common side effects

Upset stomach, increased hunger, Increased glucose, Weight gain

Allergies

Cetirizine (Zyrtec®)

Epinephrine (Epi-Pen®)

Loratadine (Claritin®)

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®)

Common side effects

Headache, Drowsiness, Sleep issues, Abdominal pain

Reflux or upset stomach/throwing up

Ranitidine (Zantac®)

Ondansetron (Zofran®)

Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)

Promethazine (Phenergan®)

Pantoprazole (Protonix®)

Common side effects

Headache, Abdominal cramping, Diarrhea

Relieves constipation

Lorazepam (Ativan®)

Bisacodyl (Dulcolax®)

Polyethylene glycol (Miralax®)

Glycerin suppository

Docusate (Colace®)

Senna

Common side effects

Bloating, Cramping, Nausea, Diarrhea, Belching

Treat / prevent seizures

Lorazepam (Ativan®)

Diazepam (Valium®)

Fosphenytoin (Cerebyx®)

Phenobarbital (Luminal®)

Valproic Acid (Depakote®)

Levetiracetam (Keppra®)

Clonazepam (Klonopin®)

Clobazam (Onfi®)

Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®)

Common side effects

Drowsiness, Mood changes,
Electrolyte changes

Migraine control

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)

Ketorolac (Toradol®)

Prochlorperazine (Compazine®)

Sumatriptan (Imitrex®)

Magnesium sulfate

Valproic acid (Depakote)

Dihydroergotamine (D.H.E®)

Common side effects

Drowsiness/Dizziness, Chest pain,
Upset stomach

Disclaimer: The information above is only a summary of the names of medications in each category and the possible side effects from each drug listed. More detailed information is available from your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or the manufacturer's package insert from each medication.