

# 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

Fentanyl (Duragesic®)

Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen  
(Norco®, Lortab®)

Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)

Morphine (MS Contin®, Kadian®)

Oxycodone/Acetaminophen  
(Percocet®)

Tramadol (Ultram®)

## Common side effects

Dizziness, Drowsiness, Constipation,  
Stomach upset/vomiting, Confusion,  
Slow/no breathing – call 911

## Antibiotics

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate  
(Augmentin®)

Cefalexin (Keflex®)

Levofloxacin (Levaquin®)

Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)

Metronidazole (Flagyl®)

Piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn®)

Azithromycin (Zithromax®)

Vancomycin (Vancocin®)

Clindamycin (Cleocin®)

## Common side effects

Stomach upset, Diarrhea, Rash/  
Flushing, Headache

## Blood thinner

To prevent or treat blood clots

Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)

Heparin

Warfarin (Coumadin®)

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)

Apixaban (Eliquis®)

Dabigatran (Pradaxa®)

## Common side effects

Bruising, Black/Tarry Stools, Higher  
risk of Bleeding, Uncontrolled  
bleeding – call 911, Do not take with  
aspirin

Ask your pharmacist about drug  
interactions with some antibiotics  
and some heart medications.

## Lower blood sugars

Insulin

Metformin (Glucophage®)

Glipizide (Glucotrol®)

Sitagliptin (Januvia®)

Liraglutide (Victoza®)

## Common side effects

Stomach Upset

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

## Help with Inflammation

Celecoxib (Celebrex®)

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)

Ketorolac (Toradol®)

Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol®)

## Common side effects

Stomach Upset, Dizziness, Possible  
risk of bleeding, Swelling of the legs

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Hydrocortisone (Solu-cortef®)

Prednisone (Deltasone®)

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## Help breathing

Albuterol (Proventil®)

Fluticasone/Salmeterol (Advair®)

Albuterol/Ipratropium (DuoNeb®)

Tiotropium (Spiriva®)

Budesonide/Formoterol  
(Symbicort®)

## Common side effects

Dizziness, Headache, Shaking,  
Possible increased heart rate

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## Vaccines / immunizations

Influenza or Pneumococcal Vaccine

Other Vaccines or Immunizations

## Common side effects

Are you up to date with your  
vaccines? Please ask your doctor if  
you are up to date.

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## Lower blood pressure

Calcium Channel Blockers:

Diltiazem  
(Cardizem®, Cartia XT®)

Amlodipine (Norvasc®)

Beta Blockers:

Metoprolol  
(Toprol XL®, Lopressor®)

Atenolol (Tenormin®)

Carvedilol (Coreg®)

ACE Inhibitors:

Enalapril (Vasotec®)

Lisinopril (Prinivil®)

Angiotensin Receptor Blockers:

Valsartan (Diovan®)

Losartan (Cozaar®)

Olmesartan (Benicar®)

Diuretics (Water pill):

Hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide®)

Furosemide (Lasix®)

## Common side effects

Headache, Dizziness/Light  
headedness (especially when  
standing quickly), Drowsiness, Dry  
cough

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## Heartburn or reflux

Famotidine (Pepcid®)

Ranitidine (Zantac®)

Pantoprazole (Protonix®)

Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)

## Common side effects

Headache, Abdominal cramping,  
Diarrhea

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## Lowers cholesterol

Atorvastatin (Lipitor®)

Pravastatin (Pravachol®)

Simvastatin (Zocor®)

Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)

## Common side effects

Headache, Muscle Pain, Stomach  
Upset

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## Queasiness or throwing up

Ondansetron (Zofran®)

Promethazine (Phenergan®)

## Common side effects

Headache, Constipation, Tiredness/  
Drowsiness

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## Heart rhythm problems

Amiodarone (Pacerone®)

Digoxin (Digitek®, Lanoxin®)

Dronedarone (Multaq®)

## Common side effects

Dizziness, Headache

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## Calm nerves or make you sleepy

Diazepam (Valium®)

Temazepam (Restoril®)

Alprazolam (Xanax®)

Zolpidem (Ambien®)

Midazolam (Versed®)

## Common side effects

Dizziness/Drowsiness, Headache,  
Confusion

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## Stops formation of blood clots

Aspirin

Prasugrel (Effient®)

Clopidogrel (Plavix®)

Ticagrelor (Brilinta®)

## Common side effects

Stomach upset, Risk of Bleeding

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## Relieves constipation

PEG 3350 (Miralax®)

Docusate (Colace®)

Bisacodyl (Dulcolax®)

## Common side effects

Bloating/Cramping Nausea, Diarrhea,  
Belching

**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.