

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®)

Morphine (MS Contin® , Kadian®)

Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen
(Norco®, Lortab®)

Oxycodone/Acetaminophen
(Percocet®)

Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)

Tramadol (Ultram®)

Common side effects

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

Antibiotics

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate
(Augmentin®)

Metronidazole (Flagyl®)

Cefalexin (Keflex®)

Piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn®)

Levofloxacin (Levaquin®)

Azithromycin (Zithromax®)

Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)

Vancomycin (Vancocin®)

Clindamycin (Cleocin®)

Common side effects

Stomach upset, Diarrhea, Rash/
Flushing, Headache

Blood thinner

To prevent or treat blood clots

Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)

Heparin

Apixaban (Eliquis®)

Warfarin (Coumadin®)

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

Sitagliptin (Januvia®)

Metformin (Glucophage®)

Liraglutide (Victoza®)

Glipizide (Glucotrol®)

Common side effects

Stomach Upset

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

Help with Inflammation

Celecoxib (Celebrex®)

Ketorolac (Toradol®)

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)

Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol®)

Common side effects

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

Hydrocortisone (Solu-cortef®)

Prednisone (Deltasone®)

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

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.

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

Heartburn or reflux

Famotidine (Pepcid®)

Ranitidine (Zantac®)

Pantoprazole (Protonix®)

Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)

Common side effects

Headache, Abdominal cramping,
Diarrhea

Lowers cholesterol

Atorvastatin (Lipitor®)

Pravastatin (Pravachol®)

Simvastatin (Zocor®)

Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)

Common side effects

Headache, Muscle Pain, Stomach
Upset

Queasiness or throwing up

Ondansetron (Zofran®)

Promethazine (Phenergan®)

Common side effects

Headache, Constipation, Tiredness/
Drowsiness

Heart rhythm problems

Amiodarone (Pacerone®)

Digoxin (Digitek®, Lanoxin®)

Dronedarone (Multaq®)

Common side effects

Dizziness, Headache

Calm nerves or make you sleepy

Diazepam (Valium®)

Temazepam (Restoril®)

Alprazolam (Xanax®)

Zolpidem (Ambien®)

Midazolam (Versed®)

Common side effects

Dizziness/Drowsiness, Headache,
Confusion

Stops formation of blood clots

Aspirin

Prasugrel (Effient®)

Clopidogrel (Plavix®)

Ticagrelor (Brilinta®)

Common side effects

Stomach upset, Risk of Bleeding

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.