

Common Medication Classifications and Adverse/Side Effects

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Medication Classification	Common Use	Common Names	Common Adverse/ Side Effects
Antibiotics *Pay close attention to any student allergies.	Infections caused by bacteria. Not commonly used for viruses.	Amoxicillin; Ampicillin; Penicillin; Cefaclor (Ceclor); Ceftin; Biaxin; Zithromax	Nausea; diarrhea; rash; yeast infections; fever
Anti-Asthma Agents	Asthma; respiratory distress	Advair; Albuterol; Singulair	Nervous feeling; sweating; nausea; vomiting
Antihistamines	Allergies (i.e. hay fever)	Tavist-D; Claritin; Singulair; Zyrtec; Allegra, Benadryl	Drowsiness; insomnia; weakness
Analgesics	Pain relief	Tylenol; Advil; Aspirin	Stomach upset; tinnitus; nausea
Anticonvulsants Antiepileptic	Neurological disorders; seizures	Phenobarbital; Valproic Acid; Tegretol; Dilantin; Topamax	Dizziness; drowsiness; confusion; fainting
Antidiabetics	To treat diabetes	Insulins; Actos; Glucophage; Glucotrol	Nausea; heartburn; fatigue; dizziness
Cardiovascular	High blood pressure; irregular heart beat; heart failure	Tenormin; Capoten; Catapres	Dizziness; drowsiness; chest pain; loss of appetite; leg pain
Cerebral Stimulants	Attention Deficit Disorder(ADD/ADHD); Narcolepsy	"CONTROLLED" Adderall; Ritalin	Insomnia; irritability; restless, decreased growth
Decongestants	Relieves congestion	Tavist-D; Clartin-D	Nose bleed; nasal irritation
Dermatological	Skin infections	Bacitracin; Zovirax; Neosporin	Rash; skin irritation; burning

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Gastrointestinal 1. Antacid 2. Anti-Ulcer 3. Anti-Diarrhea 4. Laxatives	1. Heartburn; Acid Reflux; 2. To treat ulcer condition; 3. To stop diarrhea; 4. To relieve constipation.	1. Tums; Mylanta; Maalox; 2. Tagamet; Pepcid; Zantac 3. Immodium; Lomotil; 4. Metamucil; Colace; Surfak	1. Constipation; bloating; 2. Dizziness; mild diarrhea; 3. Fatigue; dry mouth; nausea; 4. Cramping; depends on medication for bowel movement
Ophthalmic	Eye irritation/ infection;	Polysporin; Neosporin; Liquifilm	Burning sensation; Itching; blurred vision
Otic{ XE "Otic" }	External Ear infections	Acetic Acid (VoSol); Ofloxacin	Ear irritation; itching
Psychotherapeutic Agents: 1. Antidepressants 2. Antipsychotic 3. Anti-mania	1. Depression; 2. Psychosis; behavior disorder; 3. Bipolar disorder	1. Wellbutrin; Paxil; Zoloft; 2. Abilify; Risperdal; Haldol; 3. Lithium; Eskalith	1. Weight gain; insomnia; nervous feeling; 2. Tardive dyskensia; sedation; 3. Tremors; drowsiness; thirst