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NOTE

Contact Surgeon before giving any medication marked with an asterisk. In emergency or during Loss of Signal, begin appropriate treatment; then call Surgeon as soon as possible.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) - Aspirin free pain reliever

NOTE

The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Acetazolamide (Diamox) - For altitude sickness

Possible side effects

Minimal with short-term therapy - tingling sensation in extremities, loss of appetite, increased urine output, occasional drowsiness, confusion

Acyclovir (Zovirax) - Antiviral ointment effective against herpes viruses

Possible side effects

Mild burning or stinging, itching

Adenosine (Adenocard) - IV Cardiac drug; converts paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (a specific type of ECG rhythm abnormality) to normal rhythm.

Possible side effects

Headache, sweating, flushing, chest pain, hypotension, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea

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Adrenaline (Epinephrine) - Injectable cardiac drug; use only in severe allergic reaction.
Give 1:1000 (SQ)

Epinephrine 1:1000 Subcutaneous (SQ) Injection

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, heart palpitations, tremors, sweating

Adrenaline (Epinephrine) - Injectable cardiac drug; use only in cardiopulmonary arrest or severe allergic reaction. Give 1:10,000 (IV Cardiac)

Epinephrine 1:10,000 IV Cardiac Injection

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, fast arrhythmias, heart palpitations, tremors, sweating

Afrin Nasal Spray - Topical nasal decongestant

Possible side effects

Burning, stinging, sneezing, or increased nasal discharge. More frequent use than directed can produce chronic nasal congestion

AK-CIDE Ophthalmic Ointment (Vasocidin Ophthalmic Ointment) – Used for eye infections

WARNING

Do not use if sensitive or allergic to sulfa.
May cause local irritation, burning, eye discharge, sticky sensation.

Albuterol (Proventil Inhaler) - Used for shortness of breath associated with wheezing

Possible side effects

May notice tremor, palpitations, fast heart rate

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Ambien (Zolpidem Tartrate) - Oral, mild sedative/sleeping aid

Possible side effects

Daytime drowsiness, dizziness, headache, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches

Amikacin (Amikin) - IV antibiotic, for severe infection

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Amoxil (Amoxicillin) - Antibiotic, penicillin analog

WARNING

Do not use if there is history of Penicillin or Cephalosporin allergy.

Possible side effects

Nausea, diarrhea, rash

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Anusol HC Suppository - For relief of pain/itching from hemorrhoids or other rectal problems

Possible side effects

Discontinue if anal irritation develops/worsens

Artificial Tears (Refresh) - Saline eye drops for dryness, irritation

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Ascriptin (Aspirin) - Oral pain reliever, anti-inflammatory

NOTE

Do not use in patients with asthma, history of aspirin allergy, or GI or other bleeding problems.

Possible side effects

Upset stomach, ringing in ears

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Possible side effects

Upset stomach, ringing in ears

Atropine - IV cardiac drug

Use only in severe heart slowing or cardiopulmonary arrest

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, dilated pupils, dry skin and mouth, cardiac arrhythmias

Azithromycin (Zithromax) - Oral antibiotic

Possible side effects

Diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting

Ayr Nasal Mist - Saline nasal spray used for dryness, irritation

Bactrim DS (Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole) - Oral antibiotic

NOTE

Do not use if allergy to Sulfa or Trimethoprim exists. Give with caution to patients with severe allergy or asthma.

Possible side effects

Skin rash, headache, stomach upset

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Bactroban (Mupirocin) - Antibiotic ointment for skin infections

Possible side effects

Skin irritation, itching

Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) (Oral, injectable) - Antihistamine; used for allergic reactions, drug-induced muscle spasms, or as a sleeping aid

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, inability to concentrate, dry mouth, blurred vision, rash, sensitivity to light, headache, rapid heart rate, dizziness, fatigue

NOTE

The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) - Bowel stimulant for constipation

Possible side effects

Abdominal cramps

Bretylium - IV cardiac drug; helps to suppress the recurrence of ventricular fibrillation/tachycardia following defibrillation

WARNING

May cause hypotension, dizziness, chest pressure, nausea, vomiting, precipitation of angina.

Possible side effects

Transient high blood pressure and rapid heart rate, then low blood pressure, nausea, vomiting

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Carisoprodol (Soma) - Oral medication used for muscle spasms or aches

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, dizziness, may impair mental abilities, may cause allergic reactions

Cefadroxil (Duricef) - Oral antibiotic

NOTE

Do not use if there is history of Penicillin or Cephalosporin allergy.

Possible side effects

Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, rash

Ciloxan Ophthalmic Solution (Ciprofloxacin) - Antimicrobial eye drops

Possible side effects

Local burning or discomfort; use may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms, including fungi

Cipro (Ciprofloxacin) - Oral antibiotic

Possible side effects

Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain

Claritin - Oral, non-sedating, antihistamine

Possible side effects

Dry throat and mouth, drowsiness

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Clotrimazole Cream (Lotrimin Cream) - Antifungal ointment

Cough Lozenges - For cough suppression, to dissolve in mouth

Compazine (Prochlorperazine) Suppositories - For nausea, vomiting

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Possible side effects

Drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, rash, hypotension, agitation, muscle spasms

Cortisporin Ophthalmic Suspension (Neomycin and Polmixin B Sulfates and Hydrocortisone Ophthalmic Suspension) - Antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory agent used for eye and ear infections.

WARNING

Do not use if ruptured eardrum suspected.

Cyclogyl Ophthalmic Solution (Cyclopentolate) - Eye drops for pupil dilation

Possible side effects

Transient irritation, blurred vision due to pupil dilation, sensitivity to light

Cyclopentolate (Cyclogyl Ophthalmic Solution) - Eye drops for pupil dilation

Possible side effects

Transient irritation, blurred vision due to pupil dilation, sensitivity to light

Decadron (Dexamethasone) - IV steroid used for severe allergic reactions or inflammatory conditions, increased intracranial pressure

Possible side effects

Headache, psychic disturbances, vertigo

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Deltasone (Prednisone) - Oral steroids, for inflammatory conditions, persistent allergic symptoms

Possible side effects (with several days treatment)

High blood pressure, salt and water retention (generalized swelling), mood changes, increased sweating, headache, vertigo

Demerol (Meperidine) - Narcotic pain reliever

NOTE

1. May cause low blood pressure, reduced breathing rate. Narcan is antidote.
2. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, light-headedness, sedation, nausea, vomiting, sweating, dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation

Dexamethasone (Decadron) - IV steroid used for severe allergic reactions or inflammatory conditions, increased intracranial pressure

Possible side effects

Headache, psychic disturbances, vertigo

Dexedrine (Dextroamphetamine) - For motion sickness

NOTE

Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulant;
may impair ability to concentrate.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, restlessness, tremor, headache, loss of appetite

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Dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine) - For motion sickness

NOTE

Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulant;
may impair ability to concentrate.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, restlessness, tremor,
headache, loss of appetite

Diamox (Acetazolamide) - For altitude sickness

Possible side effects

Minimal with short-term therapy - tingling sensation in extremities, loss of
appetite, increased urine output, occasional drowsiness, confusion

Diazepam (Valium) - Sedative, anticonvulsant drug (antiseizure drug)

NOTE

1. May cause low blood pressure, reduced breathing rate, sedation
when given IV. Additive sedative effects may occur with other
central nervous system depressants.
2. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause
excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine,
Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium,
Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut,
Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, fatigue, nausea, slow heart rate, blurred vision
Romazicon is antidote for overdose.

Diclofenac Sodium (Voltaren) - Oral anti-inflammatory drug; alternative to Motrin for pain
relief of headache, backache, sinus pressure

NOTE

Do not take if allergic to aspirin.

Possible side effects

Abdominal pain, cramps, fluid retention

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Diflucan (Fluconazole) - Oral antifungal medication for vaginal yeast infections

Possible side effects

Headache, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea. Symptoms are usually transient.

Dilantin (Phenytoin) - IV medication for treatment of seizures

WARNING

Dilantin IV must be delivered at less than 1ml/minute to prevent dysrhythmias, hypotension. Additive effects may occur with other central nervous system depressants.

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Possible side effects

Slurred speech, confusion, low blood pressure

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) - Antihistamine; used for allergic reactions, drug-induced muscle spasms, or as a sleeping aid

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, inability to concentrate, dry mouth, blurred vision, rash, sensitivity to light, headache, rapid heart rate, dizziness, fatigue

NOTE

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Dopamine (Dopamine Hydrochloride) - IV cardiovascular drug to increase blood pressure during shock

WARNING

May cause heart rhythm abnormalities, increased heart rate, angina, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, headache.

Possible side effects

Increased heart rate, arrhythmias, nausea, vomiting. Must be given with certainty in vein; leakage into surrounding tissue will cause local injury to skin and muscle.

Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) - Bowel stimulant for constipation

Possible side effects

Abdominal cramps

Duricef (Cefadroxil) - Oral antibiotic

NOTE

Do not use if there is history of Penicillin or Cephalosporin allergy.

Possible side effects

Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, rash

Entex LA (Phenylpropanolamine/Guaifenesin) - Oral decongestant

Possible side effects

Insomnia, restlessness, headache, nausea

Epinephrine (Adrenaline) - Injectable cardiac drug; use only in severe allergic reaction.
Give 1:1000 (SQ)

Epinephrine 1:1000 Subcutaneous (SQ) Injection

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, palpitations, tremors, sweating

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Epinephrine (Adrenaline) - Injectable cardiac drug; use only in cardiopulmonary arrest or severe allergic reaction. Give 1:10,000 (IV Cardiac)

Epinephrine 1:10,000 IV Cardiac Injection

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, fast arrhythmias, heart palpitations, tremors, sweating

Flagyl (Metronidazole) - Oral antibiotic

Possible side effects

Nausea, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, metallic taste, rash

Fluconazole (Diflucan) - Oral antifungal medication for vaginal yeast infections

Possible side effects

Headache, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea. Symptoms usually transient.

Flumazenil (Romazicon) - IV antidote for overdose of Ambien, Restoril, Valium, or Phenergan

WARNING

Recurrence of sedation can occur if large amounts of sedatives are ingested. Close monitoring is needed for several hours after use. If sedation recurs, repeat above dose no more often than every 20 minutes.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, sweating, headache, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, agitation

Fluoxetine (Prozac) - Oral antidepressant

Possible side effects

Chills, increased blood pressure, increased appetite, nausea, sleep disorder, agitation, ear discomfort or ringing

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Furosemide (Lasix) - IV diuretic used to treat pulmonary edema (water in lungs causing difficulty breathing)

Possible side effects

Dehydration, abdominal pain

Haldol (Haloperidol) - Potent injectable major tranquilizer

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Possible side effects (with several days treatment)

Low blood pressure, rapid heart rate, headache, involuntary movements, increased body temperature

Haloperidol (Haldol) - Potent injectable major tranquilizer

NOTE

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Possible side effects (with several days treatment)

Low blood pressure, rapid heart rate, headache, involuntary movements, increased body temperature

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Hydrocodone Bitartrate Acetaminophen (Vicodin) - Oral narcotic pain reliever

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Possible side effects

Dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, constipation, urinary retention

Ibuprofen (Motrin) - Oral anti-inflammatory drug and pain reliever

NOTE

Do not take if allergic to aspirin.

Possible side effects

Upset stomach, diarrhea; if possible, take with food and drink

Imodium (Loperamide HCl) - Oral medication used to stop diarrhea

Possible side effects

Abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, constipation, drowsiness, dizziness, dry mouth

Inderal (Propranolol Hydrochloride) - Oral medication that decreases heart rate and blood pressure, decreases heart work load; used for high blood pressure, chest pain

WARNING

Toprol-XL and Inderal must not be used if heart rate is less than 60 beats per minute.

Possible side effects

Bradycardia (slow heart rate) heart rhythm abnormalities, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hypotension

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Isoptin (Verapamil) - Oral medication, lowers blood pressure, treats cardiac chest pain and some rapid arrhythmias

WARNING

Do not use if systolic blood pressure less than 90 mmHg.

Possible side effects

Nausea, dizziness, headache, reddening of the face, constipation. Large doses may result in slow heart rate, low blood pressure.

Kenalog (Triamcinolone) - Steroid cream for skin rashes

Kenalog in Orabase (Triamcinolone Acetonide Dental Paste) - Topical steroid for treatment of mouth ulcers

Ketorolac Tromethamine (Toradol) - Injectable anti-inflammatory used for pain relief; moderate strength

Possible side effects

Nausea, upset stomach, drowsiness

Lasix (Furosemide) - IV diuretic used to treat pulmonary edema (water in lungs causing difficulty breathing)

Possible side effects

Dehydration, abdominal pain

Lidocaine (Xylocaine with Epinephrine) - Injectable local anesthetic used prior to selected laceration repair

WARNING

Do not use for anesthesia on fingers, toes, or nose where constriction of blood vessels may lead to tissue death.

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Lidocaine (Xylocaine) IV Cardiac - Injectable cardiac drug; use only in cardiopulmonary arrest or with serious heart abnormalities

Possible side effects

Low blood pressure, drowsiness, disorientation, muscle twitching, seizures

Loperamide HCl (Imodium) - Oral medication used to stop diarrhea

Possible side effects

Abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, constipation, drowsiness, dizziness, dry mouth

Lotrimin Cream (Clotrimazole Cream) - Antifungal ointment

Meperidine (Demerol) - Narcotic pain reliever

NOTE

1. May cause low blood pressure, reduced breathing rate. Narcan is antidote.
2. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, light-headedness, sedation, nausea, vomiting, sweating, dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation

Metaproterenol - For asthma, wheezing, allergic respiratory problems

Possible side effects

Rapid heart rate, tremors, nervousness, palpitations

Metronidazole (Flagyl) - Oral antibiotic

Possible side effects

Nausea, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, metallic taste, rash

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Metoprolol Succinate (Toprol-XL) - Oral medication that decreases heart rate and blood pressure, decreases heart work load in angina

Possible side effects

Bradycardia (slow heart rate), heart rhythm abnormalities, dizziness, weakness, insomnia, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, hypotension

WARNING

Toprol-XL and Inderal must not be used if heart rate is less than 60 beats per minute.

Morphine Sulfate - Use only for severe pain

NOTE

1. May cause low blood pressure, reduced breathing rate. Narcan is antidote.
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Motrin (Ibuprofen) - Oral anti-inflammatory drug and pain reliever

NOTE

Do not take if allergic to aspirin.

Possible side effects

Upset stomach, diarrhea; if possible, take with food and drink

Mupirocin (Bactroban) - Antibiotic ointment for skin infections

Possible side effects

Skin irritation, itching

Mylanta Ultra - Chewable tablets, antacid

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Naloxone (Narcan) - Intravenous narcotic antagonist. Antidote to narcotic effects from Demerol, Morphine

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Neosporin Plus Cream with Lidocaine - Aids in prevention of infection and provides temporary pain relief in minor cuts, scrapes, burns

Nitroglycerin Pills and Patches - Used only for treatment of heart attacks, other cardiac emergencies

NG Patches: medication patch applied to skin to treat heart attacks, other cardiac emergencies

NG Tablets: (sublingual tablets) dissolved under tongue; used to treat cardiac chest pain, heart attacks

WARNING

Nitroglycerin may rapidly lower blood pressure. Do not use if measured blood pressure is less than 95/60.

Nortriptyline - used for altered mood or anxiety

Possible side effects

Headache, dry mouth, EKG rhythm abnormalities, irregular heartbeat

Omeprazole (Prilosec) - Oral medication, decreases stomach acid production, use for severe stomach pains or ulcer

Pepto-Bismol - Bismuth compound used to treat nausea, indigestion, diarrhea

Possible side effects

May turn stool dark in color, may darken tongue

Phazyme-125 (Simethicone) - Chewable tablets, relieves symptoms of gas

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Phenazopyridine (Pyridium) - Oral medication, relieves pain from bladder infection

Possible side effects

Colors urine orange, occasional stomach or intestinal upset

Phenergan (Promethazine) (Oral, Injectable) - Antinausea, SMS, antihistamine

WARNING

1. Spasms of head, neck muscles may occur with intramuscular injection. Benadryl is antidote.
2. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Sedation, inability to concentrate, drowsiness, dizziness, blurred or double vision, nausea, rash

Phenylpropanolamine/Guaifenesin (Entex LA) - Oral decongestant

Possible side effects

Insomnia, restlessness, headache, nausea

Phenytoin (Dilantin) - IV medication for treatment of seizures

WARNING

Dilantin IV must be delivered at less than 1 ml/minute to prevent dysrhythmias, hypotension. Additive effects may occur with other central nervous system depressants.

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Possible side effects

Slurred speech, confusion, low blood pressure

Polymyxin/Bacitracin (Polysporin) - Antibiotic ointment

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Polytrim Ophthalmic Solution (Trimethoprim Sulfate/Polymixin B) - Eye drops

Possible side effects

Local burning or discomfort, hypersensitivity reactions consisting of lid swelling, itching, redness, rash

Potassium Citrate (Urocit-K) - Oral medication; alkalinizes urine and increases urinary citrate to prevent or treat kidney stones

Possible side effects

Abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. Symptoms reduced by taking with or after meals. Excessive use or impaired kidney function may lead to potassium overdose with symptoms including weakness, confusion, tingling of the extremities, and ECG changes.

Prednisone (Deltasone) - Oral steroids, for inflammatory conditions, persistent allergic symptoms

Possible side effects (with several days treatment)

High blood pressure, salt and water retention (generalized swelling), mood changes, increased sweating, headache, vertigo

Prednisolone (Pred Forte) - Steroid eye drops used for allergic conditions or severe conjunctival reactions

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Pred Forte (Prednisolone) - Steroid eye drops used for allergic conditions or severe conjunctival reactions

Prilosec (Omeprazole) - Oral medication, decreases stomach acid production, use for severe stomach pains or ulcer

Prochlorperazine (Compazine) Suppositories - For nausea, vomiting

NOTE

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Possible side effects

Drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, rash, hypotension, agitation, muscle spasms

Promethazine (Phenergan) (Oral, Injectable) - Antinausea, SMS, antihistamine

WARNING

1. Spasms of head, neck muscles may occur with intramuscular injection. Benadryl is antidote.
2. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Sedation, inability to concentrate, drowsiness, dizziness, blurred or double vision, nausea, rash

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Proparacaine Ophthalmic Solution (Eye drops) - Use for eye exams

WARNING

Do not use more than two drops per treatment as corneal damage may occur. Do not rub or touch eyes for 30 minutes following anesthetic administration. Do not repeat dose without contacting Surgeon.

Propranolol Hydrochloride (Inderal) - Oral medication that decreases heart rate and blood pressure, decreases heart work load; used for high blood pressure, chest pain

WARNING

Toprol-XL and Inderal must not be used if heart rate is less than 60 beats per minute.

Possible side effects

Bradycardia (slow heart rate) heart rhythm abnormalities, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hypotension

Proventil Inhaler (Albuterol) - Used for shortness of breath associated with wheezing

Possible side effects

May notice tremor, palpitations, fast heart rate

Prozac (Fluoxetine) - Oral antidepressant

Possible side effects

Chills, increased blood pressure, increased appetite, nausea, sleep disorder, agitation, ear discomfort or ringing

Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) - Oral decongestant for motion sickness

NOTE

Central Nervous System (CNS) stimulant; may impair ability to concentrate.

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Possible side effects

Dizziness, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, restlessness, tremor, headache, loss of appetite

Pyridium (Phenazopyridine) - Oral medication, relieves pain from bladder infection

Possible side effects

Colors urine orange, occasional stomach or intestinal upset

Restoril (Temazepam) - Mild oral sedative/sleeping aid

NOTE

The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Residual drowsiness, dizziness, lethargy
Romazicon is antidote for overdose.

Romazicon (Flumazenil) - IV antidote for overdose of Ambien, Restoril, Valium, or Phenergan

WARNING

Recurrence of sedation can occur if large amounts of sedatives were ingested. Close monitoring is needed for several hours after use. If sedation recurs, repeat above dose no more often than every 20 minutes.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, sweating, headache, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, agitation

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Silvadene Cream (Silver Sulfadiazine Cream) - Cream used to treat skin burns. Avoid if allergic to sulfa drugs

Possible side effects

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Simethicone (Phazyme-125) - Chewable tablets, relieves symptoms of gas

Soma (Carisoprodol) - Oral medication used for muscle spasms or aches

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, dizziness, may impair mental abilities, may cause allergic reactions

Sudafed (Pseudoephedrine) - Oral decongestant for motion sickness

NOTE

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may impair ability to concentrate.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, restlessness, tremor,
headache, loss of appetite

Sulfacetamide Prednisone Ointment (Vasocidin Ophthalmic Ointment) - Used for eye infections

WARNING

Do not use if sensitive or allergic to sulfa.
May cause local irritation, burning, eye
discharge, sticky sensation.

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Temazepam (Restoril) - Mild oral sedative/sleeping aid

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Possible side effects

Residual drowsiness, dizziness, lethargy
Romazicon is antidote for overdose.

Tobramycin (Tobrex) - Antibiotic eye drops used for treatment of eye infections

Possible side effects

Occasional itching, redness, or swelling

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Toprol-XL (Metoprolol Succinate) - Oral medication decreases heart rate and blood pressure, decreases heart work load in angina

Possible side effects

Bradycardia (slow heart rate), heart rhythm abnormalities, dizziness, weakness, insomnia, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, hypotension

WARNING

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Toradol (Ketorolac Tromethamine) - Injectable anti-inflammatory used for pain relief; moderate strength

Possible side effects

Nausea, upset stomach, drowsiness

Triamcinolone (Kenalog) - Steroid cream for skin rashes

Triamcinolone Acetonide Dental Paste (Kenalog in Orabase) - Topical steroid for treatment of mouth ulcers

Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole (Bactrim DS) - Oral antibiotic

NOTE

Do not use if allergy to Sulfa or Trimethoprim exists.
Give with caution to patients with severe allergy or asthma.

Possible side effects

Skin rash, headache, stomach upset

Trimethoprim Sulfate/Polymixin B (Polytrim Ophthalmic Solution) - Eye drops

Possible side effects

Local burning or discomfort, hypersensitivity reactions consisting of lid swelling, itching, redness, rash

Tylenol (Acetaminophen) - Aspirin-free pain reliever

Urocit-K (Potassium Citrate) - Oral medication, alkalinizes urine and increases urinary citrate to prevent or treat kidney stones

Possible side effects

Abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. Symptoms reduced by taking with or after meals. Excessive use or impaired kidney function may lead to potassium overdose with symptoms including weakness, confusion, tingling of the extremities, and ECG changes.

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Valium (Diazepam) - Sedative, anticonvulsant drug (antiseizure drug)

WARNING

1. May cause low blood pressure, reduced breathing rate, sedation when given IV.
2. Additive sedative effects may occur with other central nervous system depressants.
3. The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Drowsiness, fatigue, nausea, slow heart rate, blurred vision
Romazicon is antidote for overdose.

Vancocin (Vancomycin) - Oral antibiotic for antibiotic induced diarrhea

Possible side effects

Occasional nausea, fever, chills

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Possible side effects

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Vasocidin Ophthalmic Ointment (AK-CIDE Ophthalmic Ointment) - Used for eye infections

WARNING

Do not use if sensitive or allergic to sulfa.
May cause local irritation, burning, eye discharge, sticky sensation.

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Verapamil (Isoptin) - Oral medication, lowers blood pressure, treats cardiac chest pain and some rapid arrhythmias

WARNING

Do not use if systolic blood pressure less than 90 mmHg.

Possible side effects

Nausea, dizziness, headache, reddening of the face, constipation. Large doses may result in slow heart rate, low blood pressure.

Vicodin (Hydrocodone Bitartrate Acetaminophen) - Oral narcotic pain reliever

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Possible side effects

Dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, constipation, urinary retention

Vidarabine Ophthalmic Ointment (Vira-A) - Antiviral ointment for eye infections

Possible side effects

Burning, irritation, foreign body sensation, pain

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Possible side effects

Burning, irritation, foreign body sensation, pain

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Voltaren (Diclofenac Sodium) - Oral anti-inflammatory drug; alternative to Motrin for pain relief of headache, backache, sinus pressure

NOTE

Do not take if allergic to aspirin.

Possible side effects

Abdominal pain, cramps, fluid retention

Xylocaine with Epinephrine (Lidocaine with Epinephrine) - Injectable local anesthetic used prior to selected laceration repair

WARNING

Do not use for anesthesia on fingers, toes, or nose where constriction of blood vessels may lead to tissue death.

Xylocaine/Cardiac (Lidocaine) - IV cardiac drug; use only in cardiopulmonary arrest or with serious heart rhythm abnormalities

Possible side effects

Low blood pressure, drowsiness, disorientation, muscle twitching, seizures

Xylocaine Jelly - Lubricant with anesthetic used for lubricating endotracheal and nasal airway tube prior to insertion

Zithromax (Azithromycin) - Oral antibiotic

Possible side effects

Diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting

Zolpidem Tartrate (Ambien) - Oral, mild sedative/sleeping aid

Possible side effects

Daytime drowsiness, dizziness, headache, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches

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Zovirax (Acyclovir) - Antiviral ointment effective against herpes viruses

Possible side effects

Mild burning or stinging, itching