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This chart describes the **most common side effects** of the medicines you may be taking. Please ask your nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

Reason for Medicine	Medicine Names: Generic (Brand)	Side Effects
<p><b>Pain Relief</b></p> <p>No Pain Moderate Pain Severe Pain Worst Possible</p> 	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)</li> <li>Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Norco®)</li> <li>Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)</li> <li>Morphine</li> <li>Oxycodone/Acetaminophen (Percocet®)</li> <li>Oxycontin</li> <li>Tramadol (Ultram®)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confusion</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Drowsiness</li> <li>Dry mouth</li> <li>Queasiness</li> <li>Rash</li> <li>Throwing up</li> </ul>
<p><b>Queasiness or Throwing Up</b></p> 	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ondansetron (Zofran®)</li> <li>Promethazine (Phenergan®)</li> <li>Scopolamine</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Drowsiness</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Fatigue</li> <li>Headache</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heartburn or Reflux</b></p> 	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calcium Carbonate (Tums®)</li> <li>Esomeprazole (Nexium®)</li> <li>Famotidine (Pepcid®)</li> <li>Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)</li> <li>Omeprazole (Prilosec®)</li> <li>Pantoprazole (Protonix®)</li> <li>Ranitidine (Zantac®)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Diarrhea</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Throwing up</li> <li>Upset stomach</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lowers Cholesterol</b></p> 	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atorvastatin (Lipitor®)</li> <li>Ezetimibe/Simvastatin (Vytorin®)</li> <li>Pravastatin (Pravachol®)</li> <li>Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)</li> <li>Simvastatin (Zocor®)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Headache</li> <li>Muscle pain</li> <li>Upset stomach</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blood Thinner/Blood Clot Treatment</b> (stops or breaks down blood clots)</p> 	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apixaben (Eliquis®)</li> <li>Aspirin</li> <li>Clopidogrel (Plavix®)</li> <li>Enoxaparin (Lovenox®)</li> <li>Fondaparinux (Arixtra®)</li> <li>Heparin</li> <li>Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®)</li> <li>Warfarin (Coumadin®)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood in stool or urine</li> <li>Bruising</li> <li>Risk of bleeding</li> <li>Upset stomach</li> </ul>

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<b>Heart Rhythm Problems</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amiodarone (Pacerone® or Cordarone®)</li> <li>• <b>Digoxin (Digitek® or Lanoxin®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Propranolol (Inderal®)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Throwing up</li> <li>• Upset stomach</li> </ul>
<b>Lowers Blood Pressure and Heart Rate</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <b>Calcium Channel Blockers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diltiazem (Cardizem (CD)®, Cartia XT®, Tiazac®, Dilacor XR®)</b></li> </ul> <b>Beta Blockers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Atenolol (Tenormin®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Carvedilol (Coreg®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Metoprolol (Lopressor®, Toprol XL®)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Drowsiness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Lightheadedness</li> <li>• Upset stomach</li> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Throwing up</li> </ul>
<b>Lowers Blood Pressure</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <b>ACE Inhibitors, Angiotensin Receptor Blockers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Benzapril, Captopril, Enalapril, Lisinopril, Quinapril, Ramipril</b></li> <li>• <b>Candesartan (Atacand®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Irbesartan (Avapro®), Olmesartan (Benicar®), Valsartan (Diovan®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Losartan (Cozarr®)</b></li> </ul> <b>Diuretics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Furosemide (Lasix®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Hydrochlorothiazide</b></li> <li>• <b>Spironolactone</b></li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Lightheadedness</li> </ul>
<b>Antibiotic to Treat and Prevent Bacterial Infections</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (Augmentin®)</li> <li>• Co-Trimoxazole, Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (Bactrim®, Bactrim DS®, Septra®, Septra DS®)</li> <li>• Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)</li> <li>• Clindamycin (Cleocin®)</li> <li>• Levofloxacin (Levaquin®)</li> <li>• Metronidazole (Flagyl®)</li> <li>• Moxifloxacin (Avelox®)</li> <li>• Vancomycin (Vancocin®)</li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diarrhea</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Rash/flushing</li> <li>• Throwing up</li> <li>• Upset stomach</li> </ul>
<b>Helps With Inflammation (swelling)</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celecoxib (Celebrex®)</li> <li>• <b>Dexamethasone (Decadron®)</b></li> <li>• Ibuprofen (Motrin®)</li> <li>• Ketorolac (Toradol®)</li> <li>• Meloxicam (Mobic®)</li> <li>• Naproxen (Aleve®, Naprosyn®)</li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk of bleeding</li> <li>• Sleeplessness</li> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Upset stomach</li> </ul>
<b>Calms Nerves or Makes You Sleepy</b> 	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alprazolam (Xanax®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Diazepam (Valium®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Lorazepam (Ativan®)</b></li> <li>• <b>Zolpidem (Ambien®)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Side Effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confusion</li> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Drowsiness</li> <li>• Headache</li> </ul>

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