

EM Basic- Generic Drug Reference

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The following is a list of generic names for the drugs that I have mentioned in the podcast. There are some drugs that I have mentioned only by generic name- they are listed as well just so there is no confusion. I've also included the class of drug and a pearl or two.

Chest pain episode

Erectile dysfunction medications

Viagra (sildenafil)

Cialis (tadalafil)

Levitra (vardenafil)

(If the patient is on these medications, don't give them nitro within 24 hours for Levitra/vardenafil and Viagra/Sildenafil and 72 hours for Cialis/Tadalafil)

Zofran (ondansetron)- anti-emetic

"Blood thinners"

Coumadin (warfarin)

Lovenox (enoxaparin)

Pradaxa (dabigatran)

Mentioned by trade names only:

Aspirin (multiple names)- antiplatelet/antipyretic

Morphine (multiple names)- narcotic

Heparin (multiple names)- blood thinner

Abdominal pain episode

Zofran (ondansetron)- antiemetic

Phenergan (promethazine)- antiemetic

Benadryl (diphenhydramine)- antihistamine

Demerol (meperidine)- but don't use it!- narcotic

Dilaudid (hydromorphone)- narcotic

Mentioned by trade names only

Fentanyl (brand- sublimaze)- narcotic

Morphine (multiple brand names)- narcotic

Female abdominal pain

Flagyl (metronidazole) antibiotic (Trichomonas and Bacterial Vaginosis)

Mentioned by trade names only

Ceftriaxone (Brand- Rocephin)- Cervicitis/PID

Azithromycin (Brand- Zithromax)- Cervicitis

Doxycycline (Brand- Vibramycin)- PID

Fluconazole (Brand- Diflucan)- yeast infections

First Trimester Vaginal Bleeding

Macrobid (nitrofurantoin with BID dosing)- antibiotic for UTI in pregnancy (NB- macrodantin is nitrofurantoin with QID dosing)

Keflex (Cephalexin)- antibiotic for UTI in pregnancy

RhoGAM- Rho(D) immune globulin- prevents alloimmunization in Rh negative mothers who are carrying Rh positive babies

Flagyl (metronidazole)- antibiotic (Trichomonas and Bacterial Vaginosis)

Vicodin (hydrocodone/acetaminophen)

Percocet- (oxycodone/acetaminophen)

Motrin- (ibuprofen)

Generic name only:

Fluconazole (Brand- Diflucan)- yeast infections

Airway episode

Propofol (diprivan)- RSI sedation and post intubation sedation
Versed (midazolam)- post intubation sedation- rarely for RSI

Generic names only:

Premediation meds (atropine frequently used, lidocaine less frequently used in practice)

Atropine (no brand name) anti-cholinergic- premedication for pediatric RSI
Fentanyl (Brand- Sublimaze)- narcotic- head injury premedication
Lidocaine (Brand- Xylocaine)- anti-arrhythmic- head injury premedication

RSI sedatives:

Etomidate (Brand- Amidate)-ultra short acting sedative
Ketamine- (Brand- Ketalar)- dissociative sedative

Neuromuscular blocking agents (paralytics)

Succinylcholine (Brand- Anectine)- short acting neuromuscular blocker
Rocuronium (Brand- Zemuron)- long acting neuromuscular blocker
Vecuronium (Brand- Norcuron)- long acting neuromuscular blocker

Headache episode

Headache treatment

Compazine (prochlorperazine)- phenothiazine, classically used with benadryl
Benadryl (diphenhydramine)- antihistamine

Reglan (metoclopramide)- class B in pregnancy

Headache treatment adjuncts-

Toradol (ketorolac)- NSAID, don't use if suspecting ICH/SAH
Decadon (dexamethasone)- steroid- may prevent bouncebacks for headache

Febrile infants episode

Decadron (dexamethasone)- steroid- may be useful in H Flu meningitis

Generic names only

Ampicillin (no generic name)
Genatmicin (no trade name)- antibiotic for <28 days old
Cefotaxime (alternative to Gentamicin for <28 days old)- Brand- Claforan

Acyclovir (Brand- Zovirax)- antiviral if suspecting HSV infection

Ceftriaxone (Brand- Rocephin)- antibiotic for >28 days old to adults
Vancomycin (Brand- Vancocin)- antibiotic for >28 days old to adults

Back pain episode

Toradol (ketorolac)- IV NSAID
Flexeril (cyclobenzaprine)- muscle relaxer/sedation
Valium (diazepam)- spasm reduced/sedation
Vicodin (hydrocodone/acetaminophen)- oral narcotic

Generic name only

Morphine (multiple brand names)

MI and ACS Episode

Plavix (clopidogrel)- Anti-platelet

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Zofran (ondansetron)- anti-emetic, prevents vomiting from large doses of plavix

Generic names only

Aspirin

Heparin

Nitroglycerin

Altered Mental Status (AMS)

Zosyn (piperacillin/tazobactam)- broad spectrum antibiotic (gram positives and gram negatives)

Vicodin (hydrocodone/acetaminophen)- oral narcotic

Percocet (oxycodone/acetaminophen)- oral narcotic

Oxycontin (oxycodone)- oral narcotic

Narcan (naloxone)- opioid antagonist

Valium (diazepam)- benzodiazepine

Ativan (lorazepam)- benzodiazepine

Tylenol (acetaminophen)- NSAID

Generic names only

Vancomycin- (Brand- Vancocin)- broad spectrum antibiotic (gram positives)

Ceftriaxone- (Brand- Ceftriaxone)- broad spectrum antibiotic (gram negatives)

Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)- no brand names mentioned!

Syncope- no brand names mentioned!

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