

## Medication Research Guide (2012)

The medication guide has been designed as a learning tool, to assist with the integration of the theoretical component of medication administration, & the administration of medications in clinical practice.

<b>Drug name (generic &amp; trade)</b>	<b>Dosage, frequency, &amp; route ordered</b>	<b>Indication/s for use</b>	<b>Drug group &amp; mode of action</b>	<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<b>Interactions</b>	<b>Nursing Considerations</b>
To help build your working knowledge of medications	Note the recommended dosage for the condition being Rxed. Include the route, method & frequency of administration	The reason that the drug has been ordered. Other possible indications for the drug may not be relevant to the condition, and should not be included.	Some drugs have many different modes of action, some of which will not be relevant to the condition but may account for the adverse effects that may result	Some drugs will have many adverse effects or reactions listed. Identify those specific to the patient/resident or select 5 key reactions.	The drug may interact with a wide variety of other substances, or interact only under certain conditions. Include those relevant to the patient/resident	The educational needs of the client, administration and monitoring requirements specific to the drug and to the client e.g. lab tests, vital signs, FBC, AC/PC, rinse mouth post administration etc.

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