



High Risk Medications

For all High Risk Medications - Carry emergency ID identifying the drug that you are on



Medication	Purpose	How it works	Precautions	Side effects	How/When to Report Problems
<u>Anticoagulants</u> You are on _____ *Please also refer to the coumadin (warfarin) fact sheet*	Prevents blood clots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thins blood to decrease clotting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the risk of bleeding, use a soft bristle toothbrush and electric razor. • Avoid any other aspirin containing medications and alcoholic beverages • Take your medication every day at the same time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea, loss of appetite, headache and bruising, may occur. • Be aware that you may bleed more than usual 	<p><u>Call MD if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual bleeding, rectal bleeding, pink/red/dark colored urine • If you miss a dose or take an incorrect dose <p><u>Call 911 if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are vomiting bright red blood or coffee grounds, have severe shortness of breath or sudden chest pain
<u>Methotrexate</u> You are on _____	To reduce inflammation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inhibits immune system activity to reduce inflammation of joints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Rheumatoid Arthritis Take on same day/week • Avoid alcoholic beverages, monitor sun exposure, use caution with sharp objects, avoid exposure to flu/colds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness, drowsiness, headache, nausea, hair loss, sensitivity to sunlight and blurred vision may occur 	<p><u>Call MD if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark urine, black tarry stools. jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes), bruising or fever <p><u>Call 911 if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hives, difficulty breathing
<u>Narcotic Analgesics</u> You are on _____	Reduces pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts on central nervous system (CNS) to reduce pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid alcoholic beverages • Take with food • Use caution with anything the requires you to be alert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sedation, headache, stomach upset and confusion may occur 	<p><u>Call MD if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme dizziness or drowsiness and hallucinations <p><u>Call 911 if you are experiencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over-sedation or possible overdose