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Flash card Quiz Bank

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Caution !!!

You are entering the “knowledge portal”. Only proceed if you are prepared to expand your clinical knowledge and grasp of complex scenarios. No coding books are required for the flashcard quiz bank.



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Question:

A patient has had a previous DVT. Which of the following drugs might be prescribed to prevent recurrent DVT's?

- a. Coumadin
- b. Colace
- c. Amiodarone
- d. Selenium Sulfide



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Answer:

Drug Name: Warfarin (Coumadin)

Action: Anticoagulant

Coder Competency: *The use of Warfarin (Coumadin) increases the risk of bleeding in patients.*



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Question:

A patient has compensated CHF. Which of the following drugs, used in combination with dietary adherence, might be responsible for the controlled nature of this condition?

- a. Tramadol
- b. Naproxen
- c. Lasix
- d. Amlodipine



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Answer:

Drug Name: Frusemide (Lasix)

Action: Diuretic

Coder Competency: When a patient has CHF that has become uncontrolled the term frequently used by physicians in describing this condition is “decompensated”.



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Question:

A patient who has GERD might be prescribed this drug on a daily basis to control their symptoms.

- a. Humulin
- b. Xanax
- c. Celexa
- d. Protonix



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Answer:

Drug Name: Protonix

Drug Class: Antiulcer

Coder Competency: You want to know this drug. Reflux drugs are the second most commonly prescribed drugs in the cour



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Question:

A patient has been diagnosed with gout and his physician has prescribed this drug to be taken on a daily basis to control his symptoms.

- a. Bisacodyl
- b. Colace
- c. Cetirizine
- d. Allopurinol



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Answer:

Drug Name: Allopurinol

Action: Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor

Coder Competency: Allopurinol is on the list of the of the most essential drugs for medical treatment.



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Question:

A patient presents to the Emergency Room with uncontrolled nausea and vomiting. The coder may expect the physician to prescribe this drug to control the patient's symptoms.

- a. Quinapril
- b. Halothane
- c. Zofran
- d. Oxacillin



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Answer:

Drug Name: Zofran

Action: Antiemetic and selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist



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Question:

This abbreviation means a drug is to be taken by mouth.

- a. A.C.
- b. P.O.
- c. NOC
- d. IM



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Answer:

Administration Route: P.O.

Coder Competency: The route of drug administration depends on how quickly the uptake of the drug is needed. Per oral (P.O.) administration of drugs is the most common, convenient, safest and least expensive. However, not all drugs may be administered P.O.



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Question:

A patient has anemia due to renal failure. Which of the following medications might be prescribed to treat that condition?

- a. Ramipril (Altace)
- b. Epoetin Alfa (Epogen)
- c. Propranolol (Inderal)
- d. Sotalol (Betapace)



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Answer:

Drug Name: Epoetin Alfa (Epogen)

Drug Action: Hematological agent, renal hormone

***Coder Competency:** Some Fiscal Intermediaries have LCD's on this drug. Check the LCD for your location to determine what diagnoses will substantiate medical necessity when coding for the administration of this drug.*



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Question:

The patient is a 67-year-old man with erectile dysfunction due to diabetes. Which of the following drugs might be prescribed to treat that condition?

- a. Viagra
- b. Amiodarone
- c. Halothane
- d. Zileuton



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Answer:

Drug Name: Viagra

Drug Class: Selective phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5) inhibitor

Coder Competency: *Viagra is one of the most commonly prescribed drugs in the US.*



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Question:

A patient has been diagnosed with epilepsy and is on this medication. Which of the following drugs may be used to control this condition?

- a. Topamax
- b. Procaine
- c. Salmeterol
- d. Zafirlukast



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Answer:

Drug Name: Topamax (topiramate)

Action: Anticonvulsant

Coder Competency: Like many drugs, Topamax is known to have side effects. These include, but are not limited to suicidal thoughts or actions, metabolic acidosis and eye problems.



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Question:

A patient has a history of CHF and presents to the hospital with significant lower extremity swelling. He ignored his dietary restrictions and ate an entire bag of potato chips yesterday. Which of the following drugs might be provided to reduce this swelling?

- a. Dexamethasone
- b. Diphenhydramine
- c. HCTZ (hydrochlorothiazide)
- d. Hydroxocobalamin



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Answer:

Drug Name: HCTZ (hydrochlorothiazide)

Action: Cardiovascular agent/diuretic

Coder Competency: *Patients with CHF must stick to a diet low in sodium and must also adhere to their therapeutic drug regiment. When they fail to follow one or more of these requirements, edema results.*



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Answer:

Drug Name: Aspirin



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