

EMERGENCY RESPONDER'S REFERENCE LIST OF 50 PATIENT MEDICATIONS

	COMMON BRANDS	COMMON FORMS	COMMON USES*	PREHOSPITAL IMPORTANCE*
PAINKILLERS				
ibuprofen	Motrin, Advil, Midol	Pills	For minor pain, inflammation and fever; sold over the counter and by prescription	Very commonly used.
acetaminophen	Tylenol, Tempra, brands that say "aspirin free"	Pills, liquids	For minor pain and fever; sold over the counter, or by prescription	Very commonly used. Significant overdoses can cause irreversible liver damage and death.
codeine	Tylenol with codeine (codeine + acetaminophen)	Usually pills, but can be taken in liquid form	Narcotic painkiller	Overdoses can cause respiratory depression and death. Overdoses can be treated with naloxone (Narcan). Illegal non-medical use is common.
morphine	MS Contin			Narcotic painkillers are especially dangerous in combination with alcohol and other central nervous system depressants.
hydrocodone + acetaminophen	Lortab, Lorcet, Vicodin			
propoxyphene	Darvon, Darvocet (propoxyphene + acetaminophen)			
oxycodone	OxyContin, Percocet (oxycodone + acetaminophen), Percodan (oxycodone + aspirin)			
BLOOD THINNERS				
aspirin		Pills	May be taken daily to reduce risk of blood clots; also may be taken occasionally to reduce pain and inflammation; sold over the counter	Patient may be risk for medical problems caused by blood clots (e.g., stroke, heart attack). Use of warfarin or clopidogrel probably indicates higher risk than use of aspirin. Patient also bleeds more easily (e.g., in trauma).
clopidogrel	Plavix	Pills	Reduce risk of blood clots	
warfarin	Coumadin	Pills	Reduce risk of blood clots	
DRUGS USED TO REDUCE BLOOD PRESSURE AND CARDIAC WORKLOAD				
amlodipine	Norvasc	Pills	Reduce blood pressure by dilating the blood vessels	Patient may have hypertension
hydrochlorothiazide		Pills	Reduce blood pressure by reducing fluid (diuretic); sometimes referred to as "water pill"	
triamterene + hydrochlorothiazide	Diazide, Maxzide	Pills		
digoxin	Lanoxin, Digitek	Pills	Slows the heart rate and increases the force of heart contractions	Patient may have serious cardiac illness such as CHF or past heart attacks. Digoxin has narrow therapeutic range; overdoses can cause brady cardia and fainting.
furosemide	Lasix	Pills	Diuretic used to reduce fluid retention in patients with CHF and/or hypertension; stronger than hydrochlorothiazide	Patient may have CHF or hypertension.
lisinopril	Zestril, Prinivil	Pills	ACE inhibitor that reduces blood pressure and decrease the heart's workload	Patient may have CHF or hypertension.
metoprolol	Lopressor, Toprol	Pills	Common beta blockers, used to reduce heart rate and blood pressure and thereby ease the heart's workload	Patient may have cardiac history. Overdose can slow the heart rate, causing bradycardia, hypotension and syncope.
atenolol	Tenormin	Pills		
nitroglycerin	Nitrostat, Nitro-Bid, Nitro-Dur	Sublingual spray, sublingual pills, skin patch	Dilate blood vessels to reduce cardiac workload for patients; used either prophylactically (e.g., via patch) or as rescue medication during chest pain episode (spray or pills)	Patient may have history of cardiac chest pain (e.g., angina). An overdose can cause hypotension, especially in combination with morphine, erectile dysfunction drugs or other vasodilators. State law may allow EMT-Bs to assist patients with their own nitroglycerin.
DRUGS FOR ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION				
sildenafil	Viagra	Pills	Dilates the blood vessels of the penis to facilitate erection	Can cause hypotension when taken in combination with nitroglycerin or other drugs that reduce blood pressure. Always ask male patients if they have recently taken Viagra or a similar drug before treating them with nitroglycerin.
tadalafil	Cialis	Pills		
vardeafil	Levitra	Pills		

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DRUGS FOR PULMONARY PROBLEMS				
albuterol	Proventil, Ventolin	Inhaler	Rescue medication to open the airways during acute asthma or COPD attack	Patient may have history of asthma or COPD. State law may allow EMT-Bs to assist patients with their own inhalers.
albuterol + ipratropium fluticasone	Combivent Flovent	Inhaler Inhaler	Long-term therapy for patients with asthma or COPD; reduces inflammation of airways	Patient may have asthma or COPD. These drugs are not useful as rescue medications during an acute attack.
montelukast	Singulair	Pills		
DRUGS FOR DIABETES				
insulin	Humalog, Humulin, Lantus, Novolin	Subcutaneous injection	Converts blood sugar into energy usable by the cells	Patient likely has diabetes and takes insulin daily. Overdoses can cause low blood sugar and insulin shock. Underdoses can cause high blood sugar and diabetic coma.
glipizide	Glucotrol	Pills	Regulate blood sugar in people with diabetes	Patient may have diabetes, but may not need to take insulin daily. Overdoses can cause low blood sugar and insulin shock. Underdoses can cause high blood sugar and diabetic coma.
glyburide	Micronase; Glucovance (metformin + glyburide)	Pills		
metformin	Glucophage; Glucovance (metformin + glyburide)	Pills		
glucagon		Intramuscular injection	Rescue medication for diabetics with low blood sugar	Patient may have diabetes. Glucagon converts sugar stored in the liver into blood sugar.
DRUGS FOR MENTAL DISORDERS				
alprazolam	Xanax	Pills	Relieve anxiety and help sleep	Widely used. Patient may have anxiety disorder. May be used illegally without prescription.
diazepam	Valium	Pills		
bupropion	Wellbutrin, Zyban	Pills	Treat depression; smoking cessation	Patient may have depression.
escitalopram	Lexapro	Pills	Treat depression	Patient may have depression.
fluoxetine	Prozac	Pills		
sertraline	Zoloft	Pills		
lithium	Lithobid	Pills	Bipolar disorder	Patient may have bipolar disorder.
quetiapine	Seroquel	Pills	Control schizophrenia or illness causing psychosis	Patient may have schizophrenia or other serious mental illness.
risperidone	Risperdal	Pills		
DRUGS FOR SEIZURES				
phenytoin	Dilantin	Pills	Prevent seizures	Patient may have history of seizures.
carbamazepine	Tegretol	Pills		
OTHER DRUGS				
amoxicillin	Amoxil, Augmentin (amoxicillin + clavulanate)	Pills	Fight bacterial infections	ery commonly used. Patient may have active Vinfection. The most common drug allergies are to penicillins and related drugs.
azithromycin	Zithromax	Pills		Very commonly used. Patient may have active infection.
atorvastatin	Lipitor	Pills	Reduce blood cholesterol	Very commonly used.
epinephrine	EpiPen Auto-Injector	Intramuscular injection	Increase blood pressure and open airways during acute anaphylaxis	Patient may have history of anaphylactic reactions. State law may allow EMT-Bs to assist patients with their own epinephrine auto-injectors.
estrogen	Premarin, Prempro, Cenestin, Vivelle	Pills, skin patch	Estrogen supplement to treat menopause symptoms	Very commonly used.
levothyroxine	Synthroid, Levoxyl	Pills	Increase thyroid hormone to increase metabolism	Very commonly used.
potassium chloride	K-Tab, Klor-Con, Micro-K	Pills	Often used to provides supplemental potassium for patients taking diuretics, such as furosemide	Patient may have congestive heart failure or hypertension. Abnormally high or low potassium levels in the blood can cause dysrhythmias.
progesterin or progesterin + estrogen	Ortho Tri-Cyclen, Yasmin, Ortho Evra, Necon	Pills, skin patch	Contraceptive	Very commonly used. Increases risk of pulmonary embolism, especially in combination with smoking and/or inactivity (e.g., post-surgery)

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