

CLASS:

ACTION:

USES:

SIDE EFFECTS:

INTERACTIONS:

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS:

EXAMPLES:

SOURCE:

INITIALS:

CLASS: Vasodilator

ACTION: Relaxes all smooth muscle causing vasodilation.

USES: Arterial spasm resulting cerebral and peripheral ischemia; dysrhythmias; angina pectoris; peripheral pulmonary embolism; visceral spasm; PVD; GI colic.

*Sample*

SIDE EFFECTS: Flushing, sweating, increased B/P, headache, dizziness, constipation, diarrhea, nausea, or rash.

INTERACTIONS: Increased hypotension: antihypertensives, alcohol, and vasodilators.

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS: Monitor B/P.

EXAMPLES: Pavabid, Apresoline, Procardia, Persantine, NTG, Isordil, Isorbid.

SOURCE: MNDR 1991

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