



Iowa Center for Home Care

High Alert Medication

Your doctor / nurse practitioner has identified that you are taking a medication that is considered “high alert” or could harm you if the medication was used in error. These medication(s) are written below in the boxes. The information provided does not include all facts, only the most common. If you would like more information about your medications, please contact your home health nurse, your doctor / nurse practitioner, or your pharmacist.

Medication	Use	Information/Data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bloodthinners: Thins your blood	Possible Side Effects: Bleeding (nose, gums, urine, anywhere) Black tarry stools Rash Heavy menstrual flow Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Any bleeding problems Liver or Kidney problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pain Medications (Narcotics): To decrease your pain	Possible Side Effects: Constipation Slow / shallow breathing Sleepiness Sweating Nausea / Vomiting Dizziness Low blood pressure Itching Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Rash or allergy to medication Are taking: sedatives, MAO inhibitors, antidepressants Alcohol use

<input type="checkbox"/>	Antidiabetic Drugs: To decrease your blood sugar	Possible Side Effects: Liver problems (yellow skin / eyes) Weakness Headache Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Rash Liver or Kidney problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insulin: To decrease your blood sugar	Possible side effects: Low blood sugar Skin irritation at site of shot (rash) Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Reaction to Insulin Low blood sugars Liver or Kidney problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemotherapeutic Drugs: Slows the building of new cells in your body	Possible Side Effects: Nausea / Vomiting Diarrhea Decreased appetite Hair loss Liver problems Itchy skin Changes in your blood causing weakness, bleeding, infection (fever) Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Any bleeding disorders Liver or Kidney problems If you have ever had any Radiation Therapy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parental Nutrition: To raise your nutrition (food) level through your IV	Possible Side Effects: Increased or decreased blood sugar Infection / fever Shortness of breath Notify Your Doctor if You Have or Develop: Fever Weight gain of more than 2 pounds over night or 5 pounds in a week Kidney or Liver problems Heart problems Blood sugar problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	