

# DRUG CARD

**Amitriptyline**

**Elavil**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Tricyclic antidepressant

**Therapeutic Class:** • Antidepressant

**Action:** Increases effect of serotonin and norepinephrine in the CNS, exhibits anticholinergic effects

**Indication:** • Depression  
• Anxiety  
• Insomnia  
• Parkinson's

Reason Given (Disease States): \_\_\_\_\_

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	<b>Nursing Considerations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contraindicated in MI, heart failure, QT prolongation, glaucoma</li><li>• May increase risk for suicidal ideation</li><li>• May cause arrhythmias, hypotension, EKG changes</li><li>• May cause alterations in blood glucose levels</li><li>• May lead to general sedation and lethargy</li><li>• Do not use within 2 weeks of MAOIs</li><li>• Instruct pt to take medication exactly as instructed</li><li>• Monitor for orthostatic hypotension</li><li>• May lead to photosensitivity, instruct patient to use sunscreen</li><li>• May turn urine blue/green color.</li></ul>
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