

DRUG CARD

Atorvastatin

Lipitor

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor

Therapeutic Class: • Lipid-lowering agent

Similar Medications: • Simvastatin (Zocor), rosuvastatin (Crestor)

Action: Lowers total cholesterol as well as LDL while slightly increasing HDL. Inhibits HMG-CoA reductase which plays a role in the liver in cholesterol formation

Indication: Management of high cholesterol (hypercholesterolemia), primary prevention of cardiovascular disease

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:

Post Administration Evaluation:

Nursing Considerations:

- Contraindicated in active liver disease
- May cause rhabdomyolysis
- Monitor renal function
- Monitor serum cholesterol before, about 4 weeks after starting, and frequently during drug therapy
- Monitor liver function tests
- Instruct patient to report muscle weakness (sign of rhabdomyolysis)

Other: _____
