

DRUG CARD

Atropine

Atro-pen

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Anticholinergic
• Antimuscarinic

Therapeutic Class: • Antiarrhythmic

Action: Atropine is an anticholinergic which means that it inhibits the effects of the para-sympathetic nervous system, specifically acetylcholine. This inhibition causes increase in HR, bronchodilation, decreased GI and respiratory secretions.

Indication: Decreases oral and respiratory secretions, treats sinus bradycardia and heart block, treatment of bronchospasm

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid in acute hemorrhage, tachycardia, and angle closure glaucoma• Monitor patient for tachycardia and palpitations• May cause urinary retention in elderly patients• Patients may experience constipation due to slowed GI motility
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Other: _____

