

DRUG CARD

Cyclosporine

Sandimmune

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Polypeptides (cyclic)

Therapeutic Class: • Immunosuppressant
• Antirheumatics (DMARD)

Action: Inhibits normal immune response primarily by decreasing the activity of T cells

Indication: • Prevention of rejection in transplantation
• Treatment of severe RA
• Management of ulcerative colitis

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May cause seizures, tremors, hypertension, hepatotoxicity, diarrhea, N/V, gingival hyperplasia• Increases immune suppression with corticosteroids• Avoid grapefruit juice while taking this medications• Assess for signs of organ rejection• Monitor renal panel, liver enzymes• Take medication as directed• Lifelong therapy required for transplant patients• Instruct pt on how to take blood pressure
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Other: _____

