

# DRUG CARD

**Digoxin**

**Lanoxin**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Digitalis glycosides

**Therapeutic Class:** • Antiarrhythmic  
• Inotropics

**Action:** Positive inotropic effect (increases force of myocardial contraction), prolongs refractory period, ↓ conduction through SA and AV nodes. Essentially digoxin is given to increase cardiac output and slow the rate.

**Indication:** • CHF  
• AFib  
• A-flutter

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

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	<b>Nursing Considerations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excreted by kidneys</li><li>• Assess patient for hypersensitivity</li><li>• Contraindicated with uncontrolled ventricular arrhythmias</li><li>• Hypokalemia increase risk for toxicity</li><li>• Hypercalcemia ↑ risk for toxicity</li><li>• Use caution with diuretic use as they may cause electrolyte abnormalities that can lead to toxicity</li><li>• Assess patient for cardiac arrhythmias including bradycardia</li><li>• Signs of toxicity include vision changes (blurred vision, yellow, green vision disturbances)</li><li>• Monitor pulse rate for 1 full minute prior to dosing patient (hold for pulse &lt;60)</li></ul>
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