

DRUG CARD

Diltiazem

Cardizem

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Ca Channel Blocker (Benzothiazepine)

Therapeutic Class: • Antianginals
• Antiarrhythmics
• Antihypertensive

Action: Inhibits calcium transport resulting in inhibition of excitation and contraction, leads to depression of AV and SA node leading to decreased HR, leads to vasodilatation and decreased blood pressure.

Indication: • Hypertension
• Angina
• SVT
• AFib
• Aflutter

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contraindicated in 2nd and 3rd AV block• May cause arrhythmias, CHF, bradycardia, peripheral edema, gingival hyperplasia• Increases digoxin levels• Don't drink grapefruit juice• Assess for signs of CHF• Monitor EKG continuously• Tell patient to change positions slowly• Monitor serum potassium• Instruct pt on how to take blood pressure
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Other: _____

