

# DRUG CARD

**Dobutamine**

**Dobutrex**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Beta-adrenergic agonist

**Therapeutic Class:** • Inotropic

**Action:** Dobutamine has a positive inotropic effect (increases cardiac output) with very little effect on heart rate. Stimulates Beta1 receptors in the heart.

**Indication:** • Short term management of heart failure

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

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor hemodynamics: hypertension, ↑HR, PVCs</li><li>• Skin reactions may occur with hypersensitivity</li><li>• Beta blockers may negate therapeutic effects of dobutamine</li><li>• Monitor cardiac output</li><li>• Monitor peripheral pulses before, during, and after therapy</li><li>• DO NOT confuse dobutamine with dopamine</li></ul>
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