

DRUG CARD

Escitalopram

Lexapro

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • SSRI

Therapeutic Class: • Antidepressant

Action: Increases the extracellular levels of serotonin in the synaptic cleft by selectively inhibiting its reuptake

Indication:

- Major depressive disorder
- Anxiety disorder
- PCD
- PTSD
- Social phobia

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:

Post Administration Evaluation:

Nursing Considerations:

- Contraindicated with MAOI
- May cause suicidal thoughts, insomnia, drowsiness, diarrhea, nausea, serotonin syndrome
- May cause QT prolongation with certain medications
- Assess for sexual dysfunction
- May take 4-6 weeks for full affect to take place
- Monitor for serotonin syndrome (mental changes, NV, tachycardia, hyperthermia)

Other: _____

