

DRUG CARD

Carbidopa/levodopa

Sinemet

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Dopamine Agonist

Therapeutic Class: • Antiparkinson agent

Action: Levodopa is converted to dopamine and works as a neurotransmitter, carbidopa prevents the destruction of levodopa allowing it to cross the blood brain barrier

Indication: • Parkinson's disease

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May cause orthostatic hypotension• May cause dark urine• Weeks to months to take effect• Do not use with MAOIs• Do not use with glaucoma, melanoma• Assess for parkinsonian symptoms• Instruct patient to take as directed
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Other: _____

