

# DRUG CARD

**Nitroprusside**

**Nitropress**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Vasodilator

**Therapeutic Class:** • Antihypertensive

**Action:** Peripheral vasodilation of arteries and veins decreasing preload and afterload

**Indication:** • Hypertensive crisis  
• Cardiogenic shock

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

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor HR, BP, and EKG continuously during therapy</li><li>• May cause cyanide toxicity</li><li>• Sympathomimetics may decrease effectiveness</li><li>• PAOP monitoring may help with MI and CHF patients</li></ul>
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