

DRUG CARD

Phenytoin

Dilantin

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Hydantoins

Therapeutic Class: • Antiarrhythmics
• Anticonvulsants

Action: Interferes with ion transport, shortens action potentials and decreases automaticity blocks sustained high frequency repetitive firing of action potentials.

Indication: • Tonic clonic seizures
• Arrhythmias
• Neuropathic pain

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor serum phenytoin levels• Therapeutic levels 10-20 mcg/mL• Use cautiously in all patients• Can cause suicidal thoughts, ataxia, extrapyramidal symptoms, hypotension, tachycardia, arrhythmias, gingival hyperplasia, nausea, rash, drug induced hepatitis, agranulocytosis, Steven's Johnson syndrome• Concurrent administration of enteral feedings may decrease absorption• Monitor for hypersensitivity• Assess seizures• Assess hemodynamics
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Other: _____

