DRUG CARD

Procainamide Pronestyl Trade Name Generic Name Pharmacologic Class: • Sodium Channel Blocker **Therapeutic Class:** • Antiarrhythmic (Class IA Na Channel Blocker) Action: Decreases excitability and slows conduction Indication: • Wide variety ventricular and atrial arrhythmias velocity through the heart PVC VTach Post cardioversion Reason Given (Disease States): _____ **Nursing Process** Pre-Administration Assessment: Post Administration Evaluation: **Nursing Considerations:** • May cause ventricular arrhythmias, seizure, asystole, heart block Monitor EKG continuously may cause widening of QRS complex • May cause hypotension keep patient supine • Monitor for signs of agranulocytosis monitor **CBC** frequently • Can cause drug induced lupus syndrome Other:___

