

1.

**Name:** Mirtazapine (Remeron)

**Class:** Tetracyclic Antidepressant; Alpha-2 Antagonists

**MOA:** nonadrenergic and specific serotonergic antidepressant (NaSSA). It acts by antagonizing the alpha 2 autoreceptors (noradrenergic; increased NE) and alpha 2 heteroreceptors (serotonergic neurons; increase serotonin), H1 receptors (histamine), 5-HT2A (dopamine), 5-HT2C and 5-HT3 receptors.

**Route:** orally

**Doses:** 7.5mg, 15mg, 30mg, 45mg

**Indication:** major depressive disorder

Off label: PTSD, Hot flashes, insomnia, appetite stimulate

**Contraindications:** MAO inhibitor use within 14 days. Caution if history of QT prolongation, if < 25 years old, if elderly, hepatic or renal impairment.

**Adverse Reactions:** agranulocytosis, neutropenia, serotonin syndrome, orthostatic hypotension, QT prolongation, TDP, depression exacerbation.

Common reactions: somnolence, xerostomia, hypercholesterolemia, weight gain, dizziness.

**Monitoring:**

Sx of suicidality, behavioral changes, CrCl (Renal impairment (CrCl <39 mL/min): Clearance is reduced; monitor closely)

**Starting and Max dose:**

15 mg PO at bedtime. Max 45 mg a day

2.

**Name:** Senna/ Sennosides

**Class:** stimulant laxative

**MOA:** Senna is metabolized into rheinanthrone which restricts water reabsorption into the large intestine. It also stimulates the movement of Cl<sup>-</sup> and water into the large intestine, increasing the fecal water content. This increases the movement of feces through the colon.

**Route:** oral

**Ind:** constipation

**Contraindications:** GI obstruction, abdominal pain (undiagnosed)

**Adverse Reactions:** cathartic colon, laxative abuse, nausea, diarrhea

**Monitoring:** electrolytes if being treated long term

**Starting and Max dose:**

- 8.6 mg tabs
- 2 tabs qhs
- Max: 4 tabs PO bid

3.

**Name:** empagliflozin (Jardiance)

**Class:** SGLT2 inhibitors

**MOA:** prevents reabsorption of glucose in the proximal tubule by inhibiting the sodium glucose linked co transporter. This leads to glucosuria and a decrease in blood glucose levels.

**Route:** oral

**Ind:** DM II, heart failure risk reduction, cardiovascular event risk reduction

**Contraindications:** 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester pregnancy, DM I, DKA, volume depletion, eGFR < 60

**Adverse Reactions:** UTI, increased urination, angioedema, AKI, ketoacidosis, orthostatic hypotension, Fournier gangrene

**Monitoring:** eGFR, BP

**Starting and Max dose:**

- DM 2: start: 10 mg PO qd, max: 25
- Cardiovascular, 10 mg PO qd
- Hold at least 3 days before surgery

4.

**Name:** Enoxaparin (Lovenox)

**Class:** Anticoagulant; LMWH

**MOA** - binds to antithrombin III forming a complex that irreversibly inactivates factor Xa → detached and binds antithrombin molecules

**Route:** SQ and IV

**Indications:** Avoid in hemorrhagic stroke, active GI or other bleeds, hemophilia, thrombocytopenia Increased risk of clots/ stroke/ PE if meds stopped abruptly

**Adverse reactions:** bleeding ( common); less frequent - HIT, injection site reaction, nausea, HA, confusion, hypoaldosteronism, GI bleed, rectal hematoma, liver injury

**Monitoring:** CBC, CMP, PT/ PTT, INR

**Special populations:** Safe in pregnancy

**Dosage/ Indications:**

- DVT/ PE/ VTE Prophylaxis → 30-40 mg SC
- DVT/ PE/ Stroke Tx, unstable angina and NSTEMI → 1 mg/kg SC Q12H
- STEMI:
  - <75 → 30 mg IV bolus → 1 mg/ kg SC Q12H
  - >75 → 0.75 mg/kg SC
- Discontinue 24 hrs prior to surgery; restart 12 hrs after

5.

**Name:** Glycopyrrolate (Robinul)

**Class:** anticholinergic; muscarinic receptor antagonist

**MOA:** Competitively inhibits action of ACh on autonomic effectors innervated by postganglionic nerves (Inhibits salivation, tracheobronchial secretions, bradycardia, and hypotension)

**Route:** Oral, IV, IM, SC

**Indications:** Avoid in hemorrhagic stroke, active GI or other bleeds, hemophilia, thrombocytopenia Increased risk of clots/ stroke/ PE if meds stopped abruptly

**Adverse reactions:** Anticholinergic symptoms (mydriasis, hyperthermia, tachycardia, cardiac arrhythmia), Dry mouth, Dry skin, Anhidrosis, Flushing, Blurred vision, Cycloplegia, Photophobia, Palpitation, Xerophthalmia, Constipation, Urinary retention

**Contraindications:** Medical conditions that preclude anticholinergic therapy (eg, angle-closure glaucoma, obstructive uropathy, GI obstruction, paralytic ileus, intestinal atony of elderly or debilitated patient; unstable cardiovascular status in acute hemorrhage; severe ulcerative colitis, toxic megacolon, myasthenia gravis, reflux esophagitis, hiatal hernia, mitral stenosis)

**Monitoring:** temperature ( due to higher risk of hyperthermia), HR, urine output

**Special populations:** Pregnancy category: B

**Dosage/ Indications:**

- Preoperative reduction of saliva or intraoperative reduction of cholinergic effects
  - Preoperative: 4mcg/kg IM 30-60 min before surgery
  - Intraoperative: 0.1 mg IV; may repeat q2-3min
- Neuromuscular Blockade Reversal
  - 0.2 mg IV per 1 mg of neostigmine or 5 mg of pyridostigmine administered
- Adjunct to Treatment of Peptic Ulcer
  - Indicated in adults to reduce symptoms of peptic ulcer as an adjunct to treatment of peptic ulcer 1.7 mg PO BID/TID; not to exceed 6.8 mg/day
- Off-label: Drooling
  - 0.1 mg/kg PO q8-12hr; not to exceed 8 mg/day

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