

COMMON MEDICATIONS

After Heart Attack or Heart Stents

There are many treatment options. Always tell your doctor if you have any side effects that concern you. Your doctor will work with you to find which medications are best for your lifestyle.

MEDICATION	WHAT IS IT USED FOR?	SIDE EFFECTS	OTHER INFO
Beta Blockers <input type="radio"/> Coreg/Carvedilol <input type="radio"/> Metoprolol/Toprol <input type="radio"/> Atenolol <input type="radio"/> _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help prevent heart attacks Improve weakened heart Help with angina symptoms Treat fast heart rate Treat high blood pressure Mood or neurological conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dizziness Slow heartbeat Low blood pressure Tiredness, weakness Depression Diarrhea Change in sexual desire or ability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT suddenly stop taking this medicine Do not run out of this medicine Take missed doses as soon as possible
ACE Inhibitors Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers <input type="radio"/> Lisinopril <input type="radio"/> Benazapril <input type="radio"/> Valsartan <input type="radio"/> Losartan <input type="radio"/> _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve weakened heart Protect the kidneys of patients with Diabetes Treat high blood pressure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry cough (Ace Inhibitors only) Dizziness, especially when standing or sitting quickly Abnormal taste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take antacids within 2 hours Avoid alcohol Check with your doctor before starting. It may not mix well with other medicines
Aspirin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help prevent clots that cause stroke and heart attack Treat pain/swelling or fever Help protect heart bypass grafts and stents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upset stomach Heartburn Bleeding problems Nausea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT STOP this medication unless instructed by Cardiologist Take with food / Do not drink alcohol
Anti-Platelet Medications <input type="radio"/> Plavix/Clopidogrel <input type="radio"/> Effient/Prasugrel <input type="radio"/> Brilinta/ticagrelor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help prevent clots that cause stroke and heart attack. Help protect heart and stents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upset stomach/pain Heartburn Bleeding problems Nausea Diarrhea Headache Flu-like symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT STOP this medication unless instructed by Cardiologist Take missed doses as soon as possible Avoid injury. You may bleed more easily Tell Dentists and other doctors that you are on this medication Talk with your doctor before taking vitamins, supplements or other medicine Take with food / Do not drink alcohol
Statins <input type="radio"/> Atorvastatin <input type="radio"/> Simvastatin <input type="radio"/> _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help lower cholesterol and triglycerides. Help slow the progress of heart disease Help prevent more heart attacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belly pain Headache Diarrhea or constipation Muscle weakness Joint pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT suddenly stop taking this medicine Wear sunscreen - You may get sunburned more easily Avoid grapefruit juice. Limit or avoid alcohol
Nitroglycerin Tablets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chest Pain Helps improve blood flow in the heart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dizziness, especially when standing or sitting quickly Headache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid alcohol May cause low blood pressure, sit or lie down before taking Keep tablets in their original container. Replace tablets in 6 months if bottle has been opened If your symptoms continue after 2 doses call 911