

Heart Failure Medication Guide

Drug Class	Other Names	Purposes
Ace Inhibitors	Accupril (quinapril) Aceon (perindopril) Altace (ramipril) Capoten (captopril) Lotensin (benazepril) Mavik (trandolapril) Monopril (fosinopril) Univasc (moexipril) Vasotec (enalapril) Zestril (lisinopril)	Used to treat left heart failure after a heart attack.
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers	Atacand (candesartan) Avapro (irbesartan) Cozaar (losartan) Diovan (valsartan) Micardis (telmisartan) Teveten (eprosartan)	Used to treat high blood pressure
Beta Blockers	Betapace (sotalol) Blocadren (timolol) Coreg (carvedilol) Corgard (nadolol) Inderal (propranolol) Kerlone (betaxolol) Levitol (penbutolol) Lopressor, Topral XL (metoprolol) Monitan (acebutolol) Normodyne, Trandate (labetalol) Tenormin (atenolol) Visken (pindolol) Zebeta (bisoprolol)	Used to lower blood pressure, treat chest pain, help prevent additional heart attacks, and help prevent some irregular heart beats.
Blood Thinners	Coumadin (warfarin) Heparin	Used to thin the blood, making it now more easily through the veins and arteries and also helps prevent clots from forming.
Calcium Channel Blockers	Diltiazem (benzothiazapine) Dynacirc (isradipine) Norvasc (amlodipine) Plendil (felodipine) Procardia (nifedipine) Verapamil (phenylalkamine)	Used to treat chest pain and some irregular heart beats.
Digitalis Preparations	Lanoxin (digoxin)	Used to increase the force of the heart's pumping action and slow the heart rate.
Diuretics	Aldactone (spironolactone)* Bumex (bumetanide)-Potent Demadex (torsemide) Diuril (chlorothiazide) Dyrenium (triamterene) Hydrodiuril (hydrochlorothiazide) Lasix (furosemide) Lozal (indapamide) Midamor (amiloride) ** Mykron, Zaroxolyn (metolazone) Prazosin (polythiazide) * potassium sparing ** may raise potassium	Used to decrease fluid pooling in the legs, ankles, and lungs; this helps decrease swelling and helps to lower blood pressure.

Potassium	Kaochlor K-Dur K-Lease K-Tab Micro K Extentabs Slow-K	Used to correct and prevent potassium deficiency, an element essential to the heart's pumping function and rhythm.
Vasodilators	Apresoline (hydralazine) Imdur, Monoket (isosorbide) Isordil (dinitrate) Nitro-bid, Nitro-dur, Nitrol (nitroglycerin)	Used to treat chest pain, lessen the workload of the left side of the heart, and decrease blood pressure.
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