Newborn Medication Side Effects Teaching Sheet



Patient Name:_____

Why are we giving it? This medication is for:	What is my baby's medication? Medication Name: Generic (Brand)	What are possible COMMON side effects?	
ALL NEWBORNS			
PREVENTION OF EYE INFECTIONS AFTER BIRTH	• Erythromycin eye ointment	• Eye redness	
P.	• Other:		
PREVENTION OF BLEEDING AFTER BIRTH	• Vitamin K Intramuscular	Redness at the injection site	
	• Other:		
PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS B INFECTION OF THE LIVER	• Hepatitis B Vaccine (Thimerosal-mercury free, preservative free)	 Redness or soreness at the site Irritability 	
	• Other:		
PAIN AND PAINFUL PROCEDURES	Sucrose 24% (Sweeties) by mouth	• Sleepiness	
475	• Other:		
NICU ONLY			
PAIN AND PAINFUL PROCEDURES	Morphine Sulfate intravenousFentanyl intravenous	Decreased rate of breathingDecreased blood pressure	
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AGITATION DIFFICULTY BREATHING	• Lorazepam (Ativan) intravenous	Decreased rate of breathingPain/soreness at injection site	
	• Other:		

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HEALTHY BLOOD CELLS AND PREVENTION OF	Fe (Iron)Epoetin alfa (Epogen)	ConstipationBlack stoolsSleepiness
ANEMIA	• Other:	
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT/ HEALTHY BONES	Ergocalciferol (Vitamin D)Multi Vitamin (Poly Vi Sol)	Spit upDrowsiness/ weakness
AND MUSCLES	• Other:	
TREATING INFECTION: SUSPECTED OR ACTIVE	Ampicillin intravenous	• May affect urine output- labs will need to be checked
	• Gentamicin (Garamycin) intravenous	 May affect urine output- labs will need to be checked May affect hearing- will need hearing screen Blood levels need to be checked while on this medication
	• Other:	
HELP WITH BREATHING	Poractant alfa (Curosurf)	 Decreased heart rate Decreased blood pressure Decreased oxygen level during administration
	• Other:	