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Generic Name	Brand Name	BP	Pulse	BP & Pulse
acebutolol	Sectral®			X
adenosine	Adenocard®, Adenoscan®			X
aldesleukin	Proleukin®			X
aliskiren	Tekturna®	X		
aliskiren & HCTZ	Tekturna HCT®	X		
amiloride	Midamor®	X		
amiloride & HCTZ	Moduretic®	X		
amiodarone	Cordarone®			X
amitriptyline	Elavil®			X
amitriptyline & perphenazine	Triavil®			X
amlodipine	Norvasc®			X
amlodipine & atorvastatin	Caduet®			X
amlodipine & benazepril	Lotrel®			X
amlodipine & olmesartan	Azor®			X
amlodipine & valsartan	Exforge®			X
amoxapine	Asendin®			X
amyl nitrite	Amyl Nitrite			X
atenolol	Tenormin®			X
atenolol & chlorthalidone	Tenoretic®			X
baclofen	Lioresal®	X		
benazepril	Lotensin®	X		
benazepril & HCTZ	Lotensin® HCT	X		
betaxolol	Betoptic®, Kerlone®			X
bisoprolol	Zebeta®			X
bisoprolol & HCTZ	Ziac®			X
brimonidine & timolol	Combigan®			X
bromocriptine	Parlodel®	X		
bumetanide	Bumex®	X		
bupropion	Budeprion™ SR, Budeprion® XL, Wellbutrin®, Wellbutrin XL™, Wellbutrin® SR, Zyban®		X	
candesartan	Atacand®	X		
candesartan & HCTZ	Atacand HCT™	X		
captopril	Capoten®	X		
captopril & HCTZ	Capozide®	X		
carteolol	Cartrol®, Ocupress®			X
carvedilol	Coreg®, Coreg CR®			X
celecoxib	Celebrex®	X		
chlorothiazide	Diuril®	X		
chlorthalidone	Hygroton®, Thalitone®	X		
clemastine	Tavist®	X		

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clomipramine	Anafranil®			X
clonidine	Catapres®, Catapres-TTS®	X		
clonidine & chlorthalidone	Clorpres®	X		
cytomegalovirus immune globulin (CMV-IGIV)	CytoGam®	X		
darbepoetin alfa	Aranesp®	X		
desipramine	Norpramin®			X
dextroamphetamine & amphetamine	Adderall®, Adderall® XR			X
diazoxide	Proglycem®			X
digitoxin	Crystodigin®		X	
digoxin	Lanoxicaps®, Lanoxin®		X	
diltiazem	Cardizem®, Cardizem CD®, Cardizem LA®, Dilacor XR®, Tiazac®			X
dipyridamole	Persantine®	X		
disopyramide	Norpace®			X
dofetilide	Tikosyn®		X	
dorzolamide & timolol	Cosopt®			X
doxazosin	Cardura®			X
doxepin	Sinequan®	X		
enalapril	Vasotec®	X		
enalapril & felodipine	Lexxel®			X
enalapril & HCTZ	Vasoretic®	X		
epoetin alfa	Epogen®, Procrit®	X		
eprosartan	Teveten®	X		
eprosartan & HCTZ	Teveten HCT®	X		
esmolol	Brevibloc®			X
ethycrynic acid	Edecrin®	X		
felodipine	Plendil®			X
flecainide	Tambocor®			X
fosinopril	Monopril®	X		
fosinopril & HCTZ	Monopril-HCT®	X		
furosemide	Lasix®	X		
gabapentin	Neurontin®	X		
guanabenz	Wytensin®	X		
guanfacine	Tenex®			X
hydralazine	Apresoline®			X
hydralazine & HCTZ	Apresazide			X
hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ)	Hydrodiuril®, Microzide™, Oretic®	X		
imipramine	Tofranil®			X

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inamrinone	Amrinone, Inocor®			X
indapamide	Lozol®	X		
irbesartan	Avapro®	X		
irbesartan & HCTZ	Avalide®	X		
isocarboxazid	Marplan®			X
isosorbide dinitrate	Isordil®, Sorbitrate®			X
isosorbide dinitrate & hydralazine	BiDil®			X
isosorbide mononitrate	Imdur®, Ismo®, Monoket®			X
isradipine	DynaCirc®			X
labetalol	Normodyne®, Trandate®			X
levobunolol	Betagan®		X	
lidocaine	Xylocaine®			X
lisinopril	Prinivil®, Zestril®	X		
lisinopril & HCTZ	Prinzide®, Zestoretic®	X		
losartan	Cozaar®	X		
losartan & HCTZ	Hyzaar®			X
maprotiline	Ludiomil®			X
methylene blue	Urolene Blue®	X		
methyclothiazide	Enduron®	X		
methyldopa	Aldomet®	X		
methyldopa & HCTZ	Aldoril®	X		
methylphenidate	Concerta®, Daytrana®, Metadate® ER, Metadate® CD, Methylin®, Methylin® ER, Ritalin®, Ritalin® SR, Ritalin® LA			X
metipranolol	OptiPranolol®		X	
metolazone	Mykrox®, Zaroxolyn®	X		
metoprolol succinate	Toprol XL®			X
metoprolol tartrate	Lopressor®			X
mexilitine	Mexitil®		X	
milrinone	Primacor®			X
minoxidil	Loniten®, Rogaine®			X
moexipril	Univasc®	X		
moexipril & HCTZ	Uniretic®	X		
nadolol	Corgard®			X
nadolol & bendroflumethiazide	Corzide®			X
nebivolol	Bystolic®			X
niacin & lovastatin	Advicor®			X
nicardipine	Cardene®			X

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nicotine	Commit®, Habitrol®, Nicoderm®, Nicorette®, Nicotrol®			X
nicotinic acid	Niacor®, Niaspan®, Nicobid®, Nicolar®, Slo-Niacin®			X
nifedipine	Adalat CC®, Afeditab™ CR, Procardia®, Procardia XL®			X
nimodipine	Nimotop®			X
nisoldipine	Sular®			X
nitroglycerin	Deponit®, Minitran®, Nitro-Bid®, Nitro-Time®, Nitrodisc®, Nitro-Dur®, Nitrogard®, Nitrol®, Nitrolingual®, Nitrostat®, Transderm-Nitro®			X
nitroprusside	Nitropress®			X
nortriptyline	Pamelor®			X
olmesartan	Benicar®	X		
olmesartan & HCT	Benicar HCT®	X		
paclitaxel	Onxol®, Taxol®			X
paroxetine	Paxil®	X		
penbutolol	Levitol®			X
pentamidine	Nebupent®, Pentacarinat®, Pentam®	X		
perindopril	Aceon®	X		
phenelzine	Nardil®			X
phenoxybenzamine	Dibenzylamine®			X
phentolamine	Regetine®			X
phenylephrine	Sudafed PE®			X
pindolol	Visken®			X
prazosin	Minipress®	X		
procainamide	Procanbid®, Pronestyl®, Pronestyl		X	
procarbazine	Matulane®			X
propafenone	Rythmol®			X
propranolol	Inderal®, Inderal® LA			X
propranolol & HCTZ	Inderide®			X
protriptyline	Vivactil®			X
pseudoephedrine	Sudafed®			X
quinapril	Accupril®	X		
quinapril & HCTZ	Accuretic®	X		
quinidine	Quinidex®, Quinaglute®		X	
ramipril	Altace®	X		
ramipril & HCTZ	Altace® HCT	X		
rauwolfia alkaloids	Reserpine	X		
sotalol	Betapace®			X

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spironolactone	Aldactone®	X		
spironolactone & HCTZ	Aldactazide®	X		
sumatriptan	Imitrex®	X		
telmisartan	Micardis®	X		
telmisartan & HCTZ	Micardis® HCT	X		
teniposide	Vumon®	X		
terazosin	Hytrin®	X		
timolol	Betimol®, Blocadren®, Timoptic®			X
timolol & HCTZ	Timolide®			X
toremide	Demadex®	X		
trandolapril	Mavik®	X		
trandolapril & verapamil	Tarka®			X
tranlycypromine	Parnate®			X
travoprost & timolol	DuoTrav™			X
triamterene & HCTZ	Dyazide®, Maxzide®	X		
valsartan	Diovan®	X		
valsartan & HCTZ	Diovan HCT®	X		
venlafaxine	Effexor®	X		
verapamil	Calan®, Covera HS®, Isoptin® SR, Verelan®			X

* The above tables are not all-inclusive of agents that may require monitoring of BP or pulse. In certain cases, drugs such as digoxin and beta-blockers may require more frequent monitoring (e.g., daily). Additional monitoring may be warranted with other medications if changes in blood pressure or pulse are suspected (e.g., mild fluid retention from use of an NSAID)

- Vital signs should be documented in a consistent location within the individual medical record (e.g., MAR, Nurse's Notes, Vitals Sheet, etc.)

References: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists - "Drugs with Recommended Weekly Blood Pressure/Pulse Monitoring." Clinical Pharmacology Online (resource on the World Wide Web). URL: <http://www.clinicalpharmacology.com>. Lexi-Comp Online Web site. Available at: <http://online.lexi.com/crlsql/servlet/crlonline>.