

WORK SHEET – DRUG INFORMATION CARDS

Directions: Look up the 25 most commonly used medications in your facility. Your instructor may determine which medications to look up. Record the information on a 4" x 6" index card for each medication.

You may need to use the back of the card for some medications. One example has been included below. Include the following:

- Brand name
- Generic name
- Classification
- Indications
- Contraindications
- Normal dosage for age group
- Forms available
- Side effects
- Nursing interventions

Sample Drug Information Card:

BRAND NAME: Lanoxin.

GENERIC NAME: digoxin.

CLASSIFICATION: cardiacglycoside.

INDICATIONS: congestive heart failure; atrial fibrillation.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: fibrillation, previous adverse reactions;

NORMAL DOSAGE FOR AGE GROUP: 0.125 mg/day.

FORMS AVAILABLE: oral tablet, pediatric elixir, injectables.

SIDE EFFECTS: fatigue, weakness, loss of appetite or nausea, visual disturbances, low blood pressure.

NURSING INTERVENTIONS: take apical pulse for one full minute before giving, report to charge nurse. Hold medication if apical pulse is below 60 or above 110.