

Frequently prescribed heart and diabetes medications.

Below are common medications used to treat heart conditions and diabetes/ high blood sugar. In some cases, these medications are prescribed for you to take at home after discharge.

USE	MEDICATION NAME (GENERIC BRAND)	COMMON SIDE EFFECTS
Lower blood pressure	Metoprolol (Toprolol XL/Lopressor)	Changes in heart rate
	Nicardipine (Procardia)	Diarrhea
	Amlodipine (Norvasc)	Dizziness
	Hydralazine (Apresoline)	Shortness of breath
	Labetalol (Trandate)	Headache
	Furosemide (Lasix)	
Heart failure	Beta blockers	Dizziness on standing
	Atenolol (Tenormin)	Diarrhea
	Carvedilol (Coreg)	
	Metoprolol (Lopressor)	
	ACE inhibitors	Dizziness
	Lisinopril (Zestril)	Dry cough
	Enalapril (Vasotec)	
	ARBs	Dizziness
	Losartan (Cozaar)	Low blood pressure
	Valsartan (Diovan)	
	SGLT2 Inhibitors	Increased urination
	Empagliflozin (Jardiance)	Urinary tract infection
	Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)	
	Mineralocorticoid antagonists	Increased potassium
	Spironolactone (Aldactone)	Glupset
	Eplerenone (Inspra)	
Heart rhythm issues	Digoxin (Lanoxin)	Headache
	Amiodarone (Cordarone)	Dizziness/drowsiness
	Dronedarone (Multaq)	Nausea/vomiting
Chest pain	Nitroglycerin (Nitropatch or Nitrostat)	Headache
		Sweating or flushing
Lower blood sugar by injection	Insulin glargine (Lantus)	Headache
	Insulin lispro (Humalog)	Dizziness
	Insulin Regular (Humulin/Novolin)	Shakiness
	NPH insulin (Humulin N)	Fast heartbeat continued on reverse

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Lower cholesterol	Atorvastatin (Lipitor) Pravastatin (Pravachol) Rosuvastatin (Crestor) Ezetimibe (Zetia) Fenofibrate (Tricor)	Upset stomach Diarrhea Muscle aches

