

# 10 Gastrointestinal Drugs—Antiulcer

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_ Admission: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I. **The client/caregiver can describe purpose of antiulcer medication.**
  - A. Used to treat duodenal ulcers
  - B. Used to help heal damage created in esophagitis
  - C. Used to relieve symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease and heartburn
  - D. Used to reduce the gastric irritation caused by other medications, such as the NSAIDs
  
- II. **The client/caregiver can list considerations and/or concerns when using antiulcer medications.**
  - A. Monitor for abdominal pain or blood in vomit or stool.
  - B. Avoid the use of alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco.
  - C. Follow specific instructions related to individual medication.
    1. Do not chew or crush medication if alert on prescription label.

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2. Take with foods or empty stomach as directed on label.
3. Take medication at specific time of day as ordered.
4. Continue follow-up and evaluation with physician during treatment.
5. Talk with physician regarding taking any other over-the-counter antacids.
6. Alert physician if pregnant or planning pregnancy.
7. Observe for adverse symptoms of drowsiness or dizziness.

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