Biguanides Cheat Sheet

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Prototype

Metformin

Action

Decrease Production of glucose in the liver

increase cellular uptake of glucose

Indication

Used as first line treatment in type 2 diabetes

Contraindications

Infection

ETOH

Heart Failure

Renal Impairment

Adverse Effects:

GI distress

Metallic Taste

Lactic Acidosis (BBW)

Lactic Acidosis

Elderly >80 at increased risk	BLACK BOX WARNING
Signs & Symptoms	Abdominal pain, Rapid shallow breathing, fatigue, etc.

Drug Interactions

Contrast Medium

Vitamin B12

Folic Acid

Nursing Interventions

Monitor for weight loss

DC 48 hours before an after contrast dye is administered

May be used to prevent DM (especially in obese patients.)

Monitor renal function

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