

ARBs end in "-sartan"

Actions are very similar to ACE inhibitors

Used for patients who are unable to tolerate the adverse effects of ACE inhibitors

NURSE'S ROLE

Monitor Impaired kidney function, Hyperkalemia, autoimmune disease

Assess for hypotension

PATIENT TEACHING

Contraception

Sodium/Potassium interaction

PRIMARY USE

HTN HF

*For those who cannot tolerate ACE inhibitors

PROTOTYPE DRUG

candesartan (Atacand)

MECHANISM OF ACTION

Receptor antagonist that block type 1 angiotensin II receptors on blood vessels & the heart

Dilate arteries and veins reducing arterial pressure, thus preload and afterload improving cardiac output

ADVERSE EFFECTS

Hypotension

Hyperkalemia



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