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Antibiotics

Indications for Use:

- Antibiotics are used to treat **bacterial** infections including wound, respiratory, and urinary.

Medication Examples:

- **Amoxicillin:** Broad-spectrum penicillin used for respiratory infections, ear infections, and UTIs.
- **Ciprofloxacin:** Fluoroquinolone used for UTIs, gastrointestinal infections, and certain skin infections.
- **Doxycycline:** Tetracycline antibiotic used for respiratory infections, acne, and Lyme disease.
- **Azithromycin (Z-Pak):** Often used for respiratory infections like bronchitis or pneumonia.

Common Side Effects:

- Antibiotics can cause diarrhea or upset stomach, and may increase the risk of C. difficile infection.
- **Report any rash or allergic reaction to hospice team immediately.**

Tips:

- **ALWAYS COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE EVEN IF THE PATIENT FEELS BETTER UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY HOSPICE TEAM.**
- **Administration:** Some antibiotics should be taken with food (i.e. Augmentin), while others should be taken on an empty stomach, **follow instructions carefully.**
- Monitor and report any new symptoms such as severe stomach pain or severe diarrhea.
- Storage: Store in a safe place, away from heat, sunlight, and moisture. Keep all medicines out of reach of children or pets. Some antibiotics require refrigeration, follow label instructions carefully.

St. Francis Reflections is always available to assist with any questions or concerns 24/7

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