

DRUG CARD

Meperidine

Demerol

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Opioid agonists

Therapeutic Class: • Opioid Analgesic

Action: Binds to opiate receptors in the CNS and alters perception of pain while producing a general depression of the CNS.

Indication: • Moderate to severe pain
• Sedation

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May cause alterations in mentation, hypotension, constipation, nausea, vomiting• Assess BP, pulse, and respiratory rate prior to administration and frequently during administration• Use caution if patient is receiving MAOIs• Narcan (naloxone) is the antidote for opioid agonists• Can cause seizure• May increase pancreatic enzyme levels• Assess bowel function
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Other: _____

