

TOP 25 DRUG SUFFIXES CHEAT SHEET

Use this cheat sheet as a reference or to quiz yourself by folding along the dotted line. See how many examples of drugs in the class you can name!

Suffix

Drug Class/Example

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| 1. -pril | 1. ACE inhibitors (e.g., lisinopril, benazapril) |
| 2. -zosin | 2. Alpha blockers (e.g., terazosin, doxazosin) |
| 3. -cillin | 3. Penicillins (e.g., amoxicillin, piperacillin) |
| 4. -sartan | 4. Angiotensin receptor blockers (e.g. losartan) |
| 5. -zepam | 5. Benzodiazepines (e.g., diazepam, clonazepam) |
| 6. -lol | 6. Beta blockers (e.g., metoprolol, carvedilol) |
| 7. -tidine | 7. H2 antagonist (e.g., famotidine, ranitidine) |
| 8. -setron | 8. 5HT3 antagonists (e.g., ondansetron) |
| 9. -prazole | 9. Proton pump inhibitors (e.g. pantoprazole) |
| 10. -cef, -ceph | 10. Cephalosporin antibiotic (e.g., cephalexin) |
| 11. -floxacin | 11. Quinolone antibiotic (e.g., levofloxacin) |
| 12. -glitazone | 12. Thiazolidinedione (e.g., pioglitazone) |
| 13. -cycline | 13. Tetracyclines (e.g., doxycycline, minocycline) |
| 14. -dronate | 14. Biphosphonate (e.g., alendronate, ibandronate) |
| 15. -mab | 15. Monoclonal antibodies (e.g., alemtuzumab) |
| 16. -azole | 16. Azole antifungals (e.g., fluconazole) |
| 17. -fungin | 17. Echinocandins (e.g., caspofungin, micafungin) |
| 18. -asone | 18. Corticosteroids (e.g., dexamethasone) |
| 19. -navir | 19. Protease inhibitors (e.g., darunavir, lopinavir) |
| 20. -phylline | 20. Methylxanthine (e.g., theophylline) |
| 21. -lukast | 21. Leukotriene modifier (e.g., montelukast) |
| 22. -statin | 22. HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor (e.g. simvastatin) |
| 23. -terol | 23. Beta-2 agonist (e.g., albuterol, levalbuterol) |
| 24. -afil | 24. Phosphodiesterase inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil) |
| 25. -ipramine | 25. Tricyclic antidepressants (e.g. desipramine) |