

# appendix A

## Recently Approved and Miscellaneous Drugs

Generic/Trade Name	Clinical Use	Characteristics	Routes and Dosage Ranges
<b>Adofovir dipivoxil</b> (Hepsera)	Hepatitis B	Inhibits reproduction of the hepatitis B virus	PO 10 mg once daily
<b>Alosetron</b> (Lotronex)	Severe, diarrhea-dominant irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)	May cause severe adverse effects Restrictions on prescribing	See manufacturer's literature
<b>Alprostadil</b> (Caverject, Muse)	Erectile dysfunction	A form of prostaglandin E Induces erection within 5–20 min	Caverject, injection into penis Muse, insertion into urethra Dosage, lowest effective dose Dosage individualized
<b>Antithrombin III, Human</b> (Thrombate III)	Antithrombin III deficiency in patients with thrombotic disorders	Replaces a substance normally found in plasma	
<b>Aripiprazole</b> (Abilify)	Schizophrenia Schizoaffective disorder	An atypical antipsychotic agent similar to risperidone in efficacy	PO 10–15 mg once daily
<b>Atomoxetine</b> (Strattera)	Attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	Nonstimulant; not a controlled drug; low risk of abuse	PO 40–100 mg daily, in 1 or 2 doses
<b>Balsalazide</b> (Colazal)	Ulcerative colitis	Anti-inflammatory effects	PO 2250 mg 3 times daily for 8–12 wk
<b>Diphtheria &amp; Tetanus Toxoids &amp; Acellular Pertussis (DtaP), Hepatitis B (recombinant), &amp; Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine</b> (Pediarix)	Primary vaccination of children against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, and hepatitis B virus infection	Reduces injections for comparable protection from 9 to 3	Injection of infants at approximately 2, 4, and 6 months of age
<b>Dutasteride</b> (Avodart)	Benign prostatic hypertrophy	Antiandrogen effects	PO 0.5 mg daily
<b>Eplerenone</b> (Inspra)	Hypertension	An aldosterone receptor antagonist	PO 50 mg once daily
<b>Epoprostenol</b> (Flolan)	Pulmonary hypertension	Adverse effects include hypotension, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, flu-like symptoms	IV infusion via central venous catheter; see manufacturer's instructions re: dosage
<b>Escitalopram</b> (Lexapro)	Major depression	Similar to other selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)	
<b>Ezetimibe</b> (Zetia)	Hypercholesterolemia	Stops absorption of cholesterol in intestines	PO 10 mg once daily, with or without food
<b>Mesalamine</b> (Asacol, Pentasa, Rowasa)	Ulcerative colitis Proctitis	Has anti-inflammatory effects	Tablets, PO 800 mg 3 times daily for 6 wk Capsules, PO 1 g 4 times daily for up to 8 wk Rectally 1 suppository (500 mg) twice daily or enema 60 mL once daily
<b>Metformin/glipizide</b> (Metaglip)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Each tablet contains metformin 250 or 500 mg and glipizide 2.5 or 5 mg	PO 2.5/250 mg once daily, increased if necessary
<b>Midodrine</b> (ProAmatine)	Orthostatic hypotension	For severe symptoms only	PO 10 mg 3 times daily
<b>Olsalazine</b> (Dipentum)	Ulcerative colitis	Anti-inflammatory activity	PO 500 mg twice daily
<b>Omalizumab</b> (Xolair)	Asthma	Anti-IgE monoclonal antibody	IV 0.5 mg/kg intermittently
<b>Pentosan polysulfate sodium</b> (Elmiron)	Bladder pain associated with interstitial cystitis	May prevent mucosal irritation	PO 100 mg 3 times daily
<b>Rasburicase</b> (Elitek)	Prevent elevated serum uric acid levels in children with malignancies	May cause anaphylaxis	IV infusion 0.15–0.2 mg/kg once daily for 5 d, 4–24 h before chemotherapy

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