

NURSING CONSIDERATIONS**Assess:**

- **Diet:** obtain diet history including fat, cholesterol in diet
- Fasting cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides periodically during treatment
- **Pregnancy/breastfeeding:** not to be used in pregnancy, breastfeeding
- Hepatic studies at initiation, 6 wk, 12 wk after initiation or change in dose, periodically thereafter; AST, ALT, LFTs may increase
- Renal function in patients with compromised renal system: BUN, creatinine, I&O ratio

Evaluate:

- Therapeutic response: decreased triglycerides, sLDL, total cholesterol; increased HDL; slowing CAD

Teach patient/family:

- **Pregnancy/breastfeeding:** to report suspected pregnancy; not to breastfeed
- That blood work, ophthalmic exam will be necessary during treatment
- To report blurred vision, severe GI symptoms, dizziness, headache, muscle pain, weakness
- To use sunscreen or to stay out of the sun to prevent photosensitivity
- That previously prescribed regimen will continue: low-cholesterol diet, exercise program, smoking cessation
- That product should be taken with food; not to crush, chew ext rel product; to take immediate-release product in the AM, PM if used bid; to take ext rel product at bedtime
- Not to use with grapefruit juice, large amounts of alcohol
- To protect product from light and moisture

RARELY USED**loxapine (Rx)**

(lox'a-peen)

Adasuve, Loxapac *Func. class.:* Antipsychotic, neuroleptic*Chem. class.:* Dibenzoxazepine**USES:** Schizophrenia, bipolar disorder**Unlabeled uses:** Anxiety**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** *Hyper-sensitivity, coma***Black Box Warning:** Acute bronchospasm, asthma, COPD, emphysema**DOSAGE AND ROUTES**

- **Adult:** PO 10 mg bid-qid initially, may be rapidly increased depending on severity of condition, maintenance 60-100 mg/day; inhalation powder 10 mg as a single dose in 24 hr
- **Geriatric:** PO 5-10 mg daily-bid, increase q4-7days by 5-10 mg, max 250 mg/day

RARELY USED**lucinactant**

(loo'sin-ak'tant)

Surfaxin

Func. class.: Synthetic lung surfactant**USES:** Prevention of respiratory distress syndrome in premature neonates (RDS)**DOSAGE AND ROUTES**

- **Premature neonate:** INTRATRACHEAL 5.8 mL/kg birth weight divided in 4 doses; give each dose with neonate in a different position; provide positive pressure ventilation when stable; dosage may be repeated 4 times in first 48 hr

luliconazole topical

See Appendix B