

2 Analgesics

CHLORZOXAZONE (*Parafon Forte DSC, Lorzone*) **Musculoskeletal pain:** 500 to 750 mg PO three to four times per day to start. Decrease to 250 mg three to four times per day. [Generic/Trade: Tabs 500 mg (Parafon Forte DSC 500 mg tabs, scored). Trade only: Tabs 375, 750 mg (Lorzone).] ▶LK ♀D? \$\$

CYCLOBENZAPRINE (*Amrix, Flexeril, Fexmid*) **Musculoskeletal pain:** Start 5 to 10 mg PO three times per day, max 30 mg/day or 15 to 30 mg (extended-release) PO daily. Not recommended in elderly. [Generic/Trade: Tabs 5, 7.5, 10 mg. Trade only: Extended-release caps 15, 30 mg (\$\$\$\$\$).] ▶LK ♀B? \$

DANTROLENE (*Dantrium, Revonto, Ryanodex*) **Chronic spasticity related to spinal cord injury, CVA, cerebral palsy, MS:** 25 mg PO daily to start, up to max of 100 mg two to four times per day if necessary. **Malignant hyperthermia:** 2.5 mg/kg rapid IV push q 5 to 10 min continuing until symptoms subside or to a max total dose of 10 mg/kg (Dantrium, Revonto). Minimum of 1 mg/kg IV push with additional doses administered if necessary up to a total max dose of 10 mg/kg (Ryanodex). **Prevention of malignant hyperthermia in patients at high risk:** 2.5 mg/kg over a period of at least 1 min approximately 75 min before surgery (Ryanodex). Additional doses may be given if surgery is prolonged. [Generic/Trade: Caps 25, 50, 100 mg. Trade only: Vials 20 mg (Dantrium, Revonto), 250 mg (Ryanodex).] ▶LK ♀C D- \$\$\$\$ ■

METAXALONE (*Skelaxin*) **Musculoskeletal pain:** 800 mg PO three to four times per day. [Generic/Trade: Tabs 800 mg, scored. Generic only: Tabs 400 mg.] ▶LK ♀? D? \$\$\$\$

METHOCARBAMOL (*Robaxin, Robaxin-750*) **Acute musculoskeletal pain:** 1500 mg PO four times per day or 1000 mg IM/IV three times per day for 48 to 72 h. Maintenance: 1000 mg PO four times per day, 750 mg PO q 4 h, or 1500 mg PO three times per day. **Tetanus:** Specialized dosing. [Generic/Trade: Tabs 500, 750 mg. OTC in Canada.] ▶LK ♀C D? \$

ORPHENADRINE (*Norflex*) **Musculoskeletal pain:** 100 mg PO two times per day. 60 mg IV/IM two times per day. [Generic only: 100 mg extended-release. OTC in Canada.] ▶LK ♀C D? \$\$

TIZANIDINE (*Zanaflex*) **Muscle spasticity due to MS or spinal cord injury:** 4 to 8 mg PO q 6 to 8 h prn, max 36 mg/day. [Generic/Trade: Tabs 4 mg, scored. Caps 2, 4, 6 mg. Generic only: Tabs 2 mg.] ▶LK ♂ ♀C D? \$\$\$\$

Non-Opioid Analgesic Combinations

ASCRIPTIN (acetylsalicylic acid + aluminum hydroxide + magnesium hydroxide + calcium carbonate) Multiple strengths. 1 to 2 tabs PO q 4 h. [OTC Trade only: Tabs 325 mg aspirin/50 mg magnesium hydroxide/50 mg Al hydroxide/50 mg Ca carbonate (Ascriptin and Aspir-Mox). 500 mg aspirin/33 mg magnesium hydroxide/33 mg Al hydroxide/237 mg Ca carbonate (Ascriptin Maximum Strength).] ▶♀D D? \$

BUFFERIN (acetylsalicylic acid + calcium carbonate + magnesium oxide + magnesium carbonate) 1 to 2 tabs/caps PO q 4 h. Max 12 tabs/caps in 24 h. [OTC Trade only: Tabs/caps 325 mg aspirin/158 mg Ca carbonate/63 mg of magnesium oxide/34 mg of magnesium carbonate. Bufferin ES: 500 mg

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