

Common Medication Endings

Are you struggling with nursing pharmacology? You're not alone. It's actually one of the most common questions that student's email me about, "How can I remember all of these meds?!" So I've created this cheat sheet for you to help you easily identify which medications belong to which drug class.

How to use this cheat sheet:

Print this cheat sheet out and put in in your clinical or lecture binder and refer to it when you see a medication you don't recognize. You can also make flashcards for each medication ending to help you remember all of them. You'll be a nursing pharmacology rock star before you know it! :)

Medication Ending

Drug Class

-alol	Beta blocker or alpha blocker
-ase	Enzymes
-azepam	Antianxiety
-bactam	Beta-lactamase inhibitors
-caine	Local anesthetics
-cilin	Penicillins
-conazole	Antifungals
-cycline	Antibiotics
-dralazine	Antihypertensives
-flurane	Inhalation Anesthetic
-lukast	Leukotriene receptor antagonists
-mantadine	Antivirals
-mycin	Antibiotics
-olol	Beta blockers
-olone	Steroids
-oxacin	Antibiotics
-parin	Heparins
-peridol	Antipsychotics
-poetin	Erythropoeitin
-pril	ACE Inhibitors
-sartan	Angiotensin II receptor blockers
-sulfa	Antibiotics
-thiazide	Thiazide Diuretics
-vastatin	HMG-CoA inhibitors
-vir	Antivirals