MEDICATION INTERACTION GUIDE Hospital Pharmacy Department Last Updated: June  $15,\,2023$ 

This document provides information about potential interactions between commonly prescribed medications. It is intended as a reference for healthcare professionals and should not replace clinical judgment.

## KNOWN INTERACTIONS:

Pravastatin + Azithromycin Severity: Minor Effect: May prolong QT interval Recommendation: Avoid combination if possible

Clopidogrel + Levothyroxine Severity: Moderate Effect: May decrease effectiveness Recommendation: Monitor closely

 $\label{eq:control} \mbox{Ciprofloxacin} + \mbox{Oxycodone Severity: Severe Effect: May elevate serum potassium levels Recommendation: Avoid combination if possible}$ 

Ciprofloxacin + Azithromycin Severity: Moderate Effect: May enhance hypotensive effects Recommendation: Consider alternative therapy

Methylprednisolone + Fluoxetine Severity: Moderate Effect: May prolong QT interval Recommendation: Monitor blood levels regularly

Losartan + Venlafaxine Severity: Severe Effect: May increase risk of bleeding Recommendation: Monitor renal function

Sertraline + Losartan Severity: Moderate Effect: May enhance hypotensive effects Recommendation: Avoid combination if possible

Levothyroxine + Azithromycin Severity: Severe Effect: May increase risk of myopathy Recommendation: Monitor for signs of toxicity

Hydrocodone + Losartan Severity: Minor Effect: May decrease effectiveness Recommendation: Monitor blood levels regularly

Pravastatin + Levothyroxine Severity: Moderate Effect: May increase risk of myopathy Recommendation: Monitor blood pressure

Levothyroxine + Ciprofloxacin Severity: Minor Effect: May prolong QT interval Recommendation: Avoid combination if possible

Ciprofloxacin + Xyzal Severity: Minor Effect: May cause CNS depression Recommendation: Monitor for signs of toxicity

Levothyroxine + Clopidogrel Severity: Minor Effect: May enhance hypotensive effects Recommendation: Monitor blood pressure

Hydrocodone + Oxycodone Severity: Severe Effect: May elevate serum potassium levels Recommendation: Monitor for signs of toxicity

Sertraline + Simvastatin Severity: Moderate Effect: May cause CNS depression Recommendation: Monitor blood levels regularly

 $\label{losser} Losartan + Pravastatin Severity: Severe \ Effect: \ May increase \ risk \ of \ bleeding \ Recommendation: \ Monitor \ closely$ 

Simvastatin + Xyzal Severity: Moderate Effect: May increase risk of myopathy Recommendation: Monitor for signs of toxicity

Sertraline + Levothyroxine Severity: Minor Effect: May decrease effectiveness Recommendation: Monitor closely

Fluoxetine + Levothyroxine Severity: Severe Effect: May reduce absorption Recommendation: Adjust dosage as needed

Xyzal + Venlafaxine Severity: Severe Effect: May reduce anticoagulant effectiveness Recommendation: Monitor closely

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS:

Pregnant Women: The following medications should be used with caution or avoided during pregnancy: - Clopidogrel: Contraindicated - Levothyroxine: Limited data available - Sertraline: Limited data available - Azithromycin: Generally considered safe - Losartan: Contraindicated

Elderly Patients: The following medications require dose adjustments or special monitoring in elderly patients: - Ciprofloxacin: Monitor renal function - Azithromycin: Increased risk of falls - Sertraline: Start at lower dose - Oxycodone: May cause confusion - Xyzal: Increased risk of falls