

ARBs end in "-sartan"

Actions are very similar to ACE inhibitors

Used for patients who are unable to tolerate the adverse effects of ACE inhibitors

PRIMARY USE

HTN HF

*For those who cannot tolerate ACE inhibitors

ADVERSE EFFECTS

Hypotension

Hyperkalemia

PROTOTYPE DRUG

candesartan (Atacand)

NURSE'S ROLE

Monitor Impaired Hyper auto-immune
CBC kidney k- disease
 function alemia

Assess for hypotension

PATIENT TEACHING

Contraception

Sodium/Potassium interaction

MECHANISM OF ACTION

Receptor agonist that block type 1 angiotensin II receptors on blood vessels & the heart

Dilate arteries and veins

reducing arterial pressure, thus

preload and afterload improving cardiac output



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