

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

PHENYTOIN SODIUM (DILANTIN)

1. Classification: anticonvulsant
2. Physiologic Effect: stabilizes the seizure threshold caused by excessive stimulation to the motor cortex
3. Major Indications: seizures
4. Primary Contraindications:
 - 4.1. hypoglycemia
 - 4.2. allergy to phenytoin
 - 4.3. dysrhythmias
 - 4.4. heart blocks
5. Side Effects:
 - 5.1. slurred speech
 - 5.2. ataxia
 - 5.3. confusion
6. Additional information:
 - 6.1. not compatible with dextrose-containing IV solutions.