

Common medication side effects after surgery

If you experience minor side effects, consult the prescribing doctor before stopping any medication.

For serious side effects like difficulty breathing or severe confusion, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately.

Antibiotics: _____

Purpose: *to fight infection*

- Stomach pain
- Loose stools
- Upset stomach
- Rash, swollen lips, trouble breathing (allergic reaction)

Pain Medications: _____

Purpose: *to reduce pain*

- Nausea
- Constipation
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Confusion

Stool Softeners: _____

Purpose: *to prevent constipation*

- Loose stools
- Stomach cramps
- Upset stomach

Antinausea Medications: _____

Purpose: *to alleviate nausea*

- Headache
- Drowsiness
- Lightheadedness
- Constipation

Antacids: _____

Purpose: *to minimize acid and protect the stomach*

- Headache
- Upset stomach
- Loose stools

Muscle Relaxants: _____

Purpose: *to reduce muscle spasms*

- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Confusion