

Adult – Understanding Cardiac Medications

Course Description: This module helps healthcare providers to understand cardiac medications and how they work. It is not a pharmaceutical reference, but is a simple, comprehensive guide to how cardiac medications work with the heart. The module is easy to understand, to remove the intimidation often associated with cardiac medications and to broaden your assessment capabilities. The course will build both knowledge and confidence when treating cardiac patients. It is also a great orientation tool for nurses who want to pursue careers in Cardiology.

Course Objectives:

- Briefly describe the four main functions of the heart
- Describe the four classifications of heart malfunctions
- Describe the indications, side effects, cardiac arrhythmias associated with, and contraindications for:
 - Antihypertensive
 - Diuretics
 - Antiarrhythmics
 - Inotropes
 - Anticoagulants
 - Thrombolytics
 - Nitrates
- Present tips for documenting cardiac patients and educating them about cardiac medications