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IM/SC Medication Clinical Fact Sheet

Medication: Heparin Sodium

Med Class: Anticoagulant

Common Uses: Treatment and prevention of DVT, MI, Pulmonary Embolis

Route(s): SC

Instructions/Precautions: Instructions: Give slowly in abdomen deep in subcutaneous fat; Don't massage injection site; Rotate sites; Monitor INR, PT, PTT and platelets; Contraindicated after brain, eye or spinal surgery; Adverse effects: Fever, Hemorrhage, Thrombocytopenia, Hyperkalemia, Hematoma at site, Hypersensitivity reaction; Teach patient: Watch for bleeding gums, bruising, nosebleeds.

First Dose Allowed: Y

Special Training Required: N

Note: Nurse will not administer medication if special training is required and nurse has not received training; Contact your Clinical Manager immediately