

# Common Medication Side Effects After Surgery

Surgery



## Antibiotics: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to fight infection*

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

## Stool Softeners: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to prevent constipation*

- Loose stools
- Stomach cramps
- Upset stomach

## Antacids: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to minimize acid and protect the stomach*

- Headache
- Upset stomach
- Loose stools

## Pain Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to reduce pain*

- Nausea
- Constipation
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Confusion

## Antinausea Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to alleviate nausea*

- Headache
- Drowsiness
- Lightheadedness
- Constipation

## Muscle Relaxants: \_\_\_\_\_

*Purpose: to reduce muscle spasms*

- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Confusion

If you experience minor side effects, please do not stop taking any medication(s) without first consulting the doctor who prescribed it for you. **Please call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room if you experience serious side effects such as trouble breathing or severe confusion.**

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