SULFA DRUGS ALLERGY CROSS-REACTIVITY ALGORITHM

Always Check for drug allergy before prescribing, dispensing and administering drugs

Does the patient have any known allergies?

YES

NO

Confirm with the patient and document “NKA” = No Known Allergy

Allergic to Sulfur Drugs (See list below)

USE WITH CAUTION

- Tamsulosin
- Dapsone
- Procainamide

Allergic to another drug

DO NOT GIVE drug or related drugs
Check in MICROMEDEX, or with a Pharmacist or Physician

Avoid if history of anaphylaxis to Sulfur.

Use may be considered in other Sulfur allergic patients. If treatment is prescribed or recommended, check that the Sulfur allergy has been considered, discussed fully with the patient and documented in HIS-CPR and in the patient’s clinical record. If not, query with the prescriber.

Do NOT dispense or administer. If treatment is prescribed or recommended, contact prescriber and alert them to the patient’s history of allergy / anaphylaxis

DO NOT GIVE

Sulfa Antibiotics:
- Silver SulfaADIAZINE
- Sulfacetamide
- Sulfamethoxazole
- Co-Tinomoxazole

Diuretics
- Bumetanide
- Diazoxide
- DYAZIDE (Triamterene / Hydrochlorothiazide )
- Furosemide
- Hydrochlorothiazide
- Indapamide
- Metolazone
- MODURETIC (AMIloride / Hydrochlorothiazide )

Other
- AcetaZOLAMIDE
- Dorzolamide
- Celecoxib
- SulfaSALAZINE
- Zonisamide
- GlyBURIDE (Glibenclamide)

Agents containing sulfur, sulfates, sulfites and saccharin are NOT sulfonamides and DO NOT cross-react. They are also chemically unrelated to sulfonamides and there is NO risk of cross-sensitivity.

NOTE: Sulfites may cause their own reactions such as dyspnea, wheeziness and chest tightness in patients with asthma.