

# Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI)/Heart Failure (HF) Contraindications Pocket Card

## Medication Contraindications

(Documentation that the patient has one or more of the following contraindications)

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<b>Acetylsalicylic Acid (ASA) on Arrival</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aspirin allergy</li><li>• Coumadin/warfarin prescribed as pre-arrival medication</li><li>• Other reasons documented by physician/advanced practice nurse (APN)/physician assistant (PA) for not prescribing aspirin on arrival</li></ul>
<b>ASA on Discharge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aspirin allergy</li><li>• Coumadin/warfarin prescribed at discharge</li><li>• Other reasons documented by physician/APN/PA for not prescribing aspirin at discharge</li></ul>
<b>Beta Blocker on Arrival</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beta blocker allergy</li><li>• Bradycardia (heart rate less than 60 beats per minute [bpm]) on arrival or within 24 hours after arrival while not on a beta blocker</li><li>• HF on arrival or within 24 hours after arrival</li><li>• Second or third degree heart block on electrocardiogram (ECG) on arrival or within 24 hours after arrival <b>and</b> does not have a pacemaker</li><li>• Shock on arrival or within 24 hours after arrival</li><li>• Other reasons documented by physician/APN/PA for not prescribing a beta blocker on arrival</li></ul>
<b>Beta Blocker on Discharge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beta blocker allergy</li><li>• Bradycardia (heart rate less than 60 beats per minute [bpm]) on day of discharge or day prior to discharge while not on a beta blocker</li><li>• Second or third degree heart block on ECG on arrival or during hospital stay and does not have a pacemaker</li><li>• Other reasons documented by physician/APN/PA for not prescribing a beta blocker at discharge</li></ul>

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<b>Angiotensin-converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEI)/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB)</b>	<p>Documentation that the patient has <b>both</b> a potential contraindication/reason for not prescribing an ACEI at discharge <b>and</b> a potential contraindication/reason for not prescribing an ARB at discharge, as evidenced by one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACEI allergy <b>and</b> ARB allergy</li><li>• Moderate or severe aortic stenosis</li><li>• Physician/APN/PA documentation of <b>both</b> a reason for not prescribing ACEI at discharge <b>and</b> a reason for not prescribing an ARB at discharge</li></ul> <p>Note: Documentation of a reason for not prescribing one class (either ACEI or ARB) should be considered implicit documentation of a reason for not prescribing the other class for the following five conditions only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angioedema</li><li>• Hyperkalemia</li><li>• Hypotension</li><li>• Renal artery stenosis</li><li>• Worsening renal function/renal disease/dysfunction</li></ul> <p>Reason documented by physician/APN/PA for not prescribing an ARB at discharge <b>and</b> an ACEI allergy</p> <p>Reason documented by physician/APN/PA for not prescribing an ACEI at discharge <b>AND</b> an ARB allergy</p>

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