Antibiotic Class	Drug Interactions
Penicillins	Oral contraceptives—failure (infrequent)
	Allopurinol—increased rash with ampicillin
	Aminoglycosides—when administered IV simultaneously,
	inactivation occurs
	Probenecid—reduced renal elimination of penicillin
Cephalosporins	Warfarin—cefotetan and cefoperazone enhance the anticoagulant effect of warfarin
	Antacids—may reduce the oral absorption of cefaclor, cefdinir, and cefpodoxime
Fluoroquinolones	Antacids, iron salts, sucralfate—absorption of the fluoroquinolone
	is reduced by chelation
	Theophylline—metabolism is slowed by ciprofloxacin, may cause
	theophylline toxicity; warfarin elimination is slowed by
	fluoroquinolones—follow clotting times carefully
Tetracyclines	Antacids, iron salts—bind to tetracycline and reduce oral
	absorption (occur least with doxycycline)
	Oral contraceptives—failure
Macrolides	Clarithromycin can increase levels of warfarin, cyclosporin,
	lovastatin, theophylline-monitor additive effects carefully
Vancomycin	Aminoglycosides—may increase risk of nephrotoxicity
Aminoglycosides	Neuromuscular blockers—may prolong respiratory depression;
	loop diuretics—may increase auditory toxicity
Bactrim	Warfarin—can prolong clotting times; phenytoin—increase in serum levels and possible toxicity