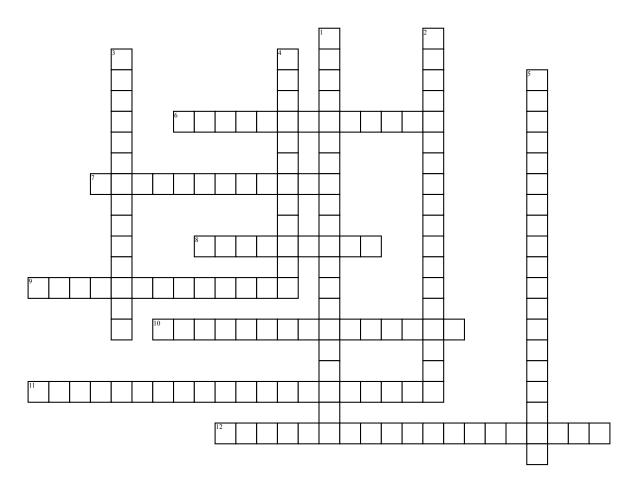
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## Cardiac Medications



## Across

- **6.** Increases the force of the heart's contractions, which can be beneficial in heart failure and for irregular heartbeats
- 7. Relaxes blood vessels and increases the supply of blood and oxygen to the heart while reducing its workload
- **8.** Causes the body to rid itself of excess fluids and sodium through urination
- **9.** Expands blood vessels and decreases resistance by lowering levels of angiotensin II

- **10.** Interrupts the movement of calcium into the cells of the heart and blood vessels
- **11.** Used as an IV drip for those patients experiencing a hypertensive crisis
- **12.** Some affect the liver, some work in the intestines and some interrupt the formation of cholesterol from circulating in the blood

## **Down**

1. An enzyme that breaks down natural substances in the body that open narrowed arteries

- **2.** Keeps blood clots from forming by preventing blood platelets from sticking together
- **3.** Decreases the clotting (coagulating) ability of the blood
- **4.** Decreases the heart rate and cardiac output, which lowers blood pressure and makes the heart beat more slowly and with less force
- **5.** Prevents angiotensin II (chemical) from having any effects on the heart and blood vessels