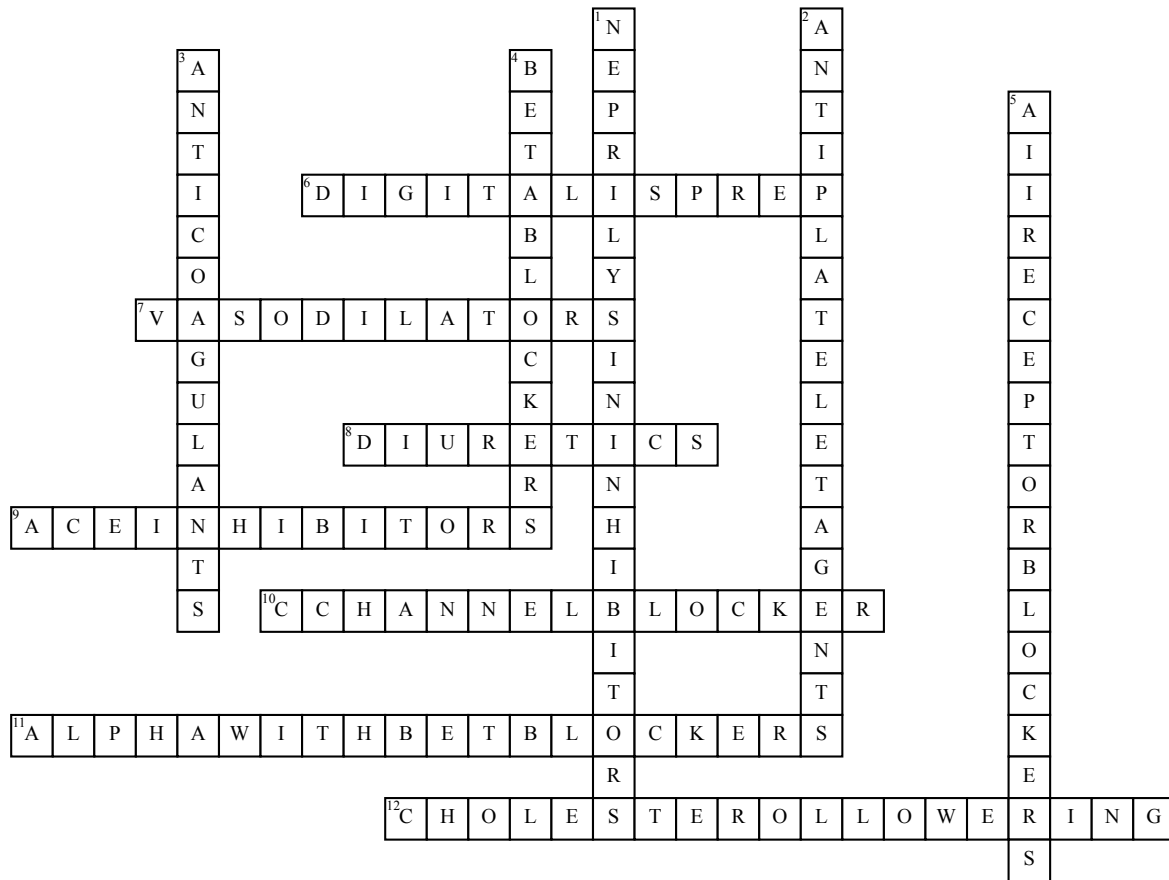


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Cardiac Medications



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