

Psychoactive Medication Information for Patients

(Pharmacotherapy - Psychopharmacology)

<i>Medication Class & Possible Uses</i>	<i>Chemical Name</i>	<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Side Effects</i>
<u>Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)</u> Depression. Bulimia Nervosa. Panic Disorder. O.C.D.	Citalopram	<i>Cipramil, Talohehexal, Talam, Celapram, Celica, Ciazil, Citalobell</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Escitalopram	<i>Lexapro, Esipram, Esitalo, Escicor, Lexam, Loxalate,</i>	
	Fluoxetine	<i>Prozac, Lovan, Zactin, Auscap, Fluohexal, Fluoxebell</i>	
	Fluvoxamine	<i>Luvox, Faverin, Movox, Voxam</i>	
	Paroxetine	<i>Aropax, Paxtine, Extine</i>	
	Sertraline	<i>Zoloft, Concorz, Sertra, Setrona, Eleva, Xydep, Sertracor</i>	
<u>Serotonin-Noradrenaline Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)</u> Depression.	Venlafaxine	<i>Efexor-XR</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Duloxetine	<i>Cymbalta</i>	
	Desvenlafaxine	<i>Pristiq</i>	
<u>Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCAs)</u> Depression. Panic Disorder. O.C.D. Bulimia Nervosa. Chronic pain.	Amitriptyline	<i>Endep</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Clomipramine	<i>Anafranil, Placil</i>	
	Dothiepin	<i>Dothep, Prothiaden</i>	
	Doxepin	<i>Sinequan, Deptran</i>	
	Imipramine	<i>Tofranil, Tolerade</i>	
	Nortriptyline	<i>Allegron</i>	
	Trimipramine	<i>Surmontil</i>	

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<p><u>Atypical Antidepressants</u> Depression. Depression & Anxiety/Sleep problems.</p> <p>Nicotine Dependence.</p>	Mirtazapine Mianserin Reboxetine Bupropion	<i>Avanza, Mirtazon, Axit</i> <i>Tolvon, Lumin,</i> <i>Edronax</i> <i>ZybanSR, Prexaton</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
<p><u>Irreversible Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs)</u> Depression, when other antidepressants have not worked. Atypical depression. Panic disorder. P.T.S.D. Bulimia Nervosa. Social Phobia. Chronic pain.</p>	Phenelzine Tranylcypromine	<i>Nardil</i> <i>Parnate</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
<p><u>Reversible MAOI (RIMAs)</u> Depression. Social Phobia.</p>	Moclobemide	<i>Mohexal, Aurorix, Amira,</i> <i>Clobemix, Maosig</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.

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<u>Mood Stabilisers</u> Bipolar Disorder. Schizoaffective Disorder. Augmentation to antidepressants in acute Depression.	Lithium Carbonate	<i>Lithicarb, Quilonum SR</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
Bipolar Disorder. Epilepsy.	Sodium Valproate	<i>Epilim, Valpro, Valproate, Valprease</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
Bipolar Disorder. Epilepsy. (Rapid cycling) Bipolar Disorder.	Carbamazepine	<i>Tegretol, Tegretol CR, Teril,</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
<u>Other Medication</u> Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Narcolepsy (excessive sleepiness).	Dexamphetamine Sulfate Methylphenidate Hydrochloride Atomoxetine	<i>Dexamphetamine</i> <i>Ritalin, Ritalin LA, Concerta</i> <i>Strattera</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.

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<p><u>Benzodiazepines</u></p> <p>Short-term relief of mild to moderate anxiety. Control of specific symptoms of Alcohol Withdrawal. Acute psychomotor agitation. Akathisia (restless legs). Acute Psychosis (as an adjunct to anti-psychotics).</p>	Alprazolam	<i>Xanax, Kalma, Alprax, Zamhexal</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Bromazepam	<i>Lexotan</i>	
	Clobazam	<i>Frisium</i>	
	Clonazepam	<i>Rivotril, Paxam</i>	
	Diazepam	<i>Valium, Antenex, Valpam, Ranzepam</i>	
	Flunitrazepam	<i>Hypnodorm</i>	
	Lorazepam	<i>Ativan</i>	
	Nitrazepam	<i>Alodorm, Mogadon</i>	
	Midazolam	<i>Hypnovel</i>	
	Oxazepam	<i>Alepam, Murelax, Serepax</i>	
	Temazepam	<i>Normison, Temaze, Temtabs</i>	
Triazolam	<i>Halcion</i>		
<p><u>Other Anxiolytics & Hypnotics</u></p> <p>Short-term relief of Anxiety & Insomnia.</p>	Buspirone Hydrochloride	<i>Buspar</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Zolpidem Tartrate	<i>Stilnox, Stilnox CR, Stildem, Dormizol, Zolpibell, Somidem</i>	
	Diphenhydramine	<i>Snuzaid, Unisom</i>	
	Doxylamine	<i>Restavit, Dozile</i>	
	Zopiclone	<i>Imovane, Imrest</i>	

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<p><u>Antipsychotic medication (major tranquillisers)</u></p> <p>Schizophrenia. Schizoaffective Disorder. Mania. Major Depression with psychotic features. Organic brain syndromes with psychotic features. Tourette's Syndrome.</p>	Chlorpromazine	<i>Largactil</i>	Consult your prescribing medical practitioner and/or dispensing pharmacist to discuss the range of possible or common side effects.
	Haloperidol	<i>Serenace</i>	
	Pimozide	<i>Orap</i>	
	Thiothixene	<i>Navane</i>	
	Trifluoperazine	<i>Stelazine</i>	
	Fluphenazine Decanoate	<i>Modecate</i>	
	Flupenthixol Decanoate	<i>Fluanxol depot</i>	
	Haloperidol Decanoate	<i>Haldol</i>	
	Ziprasidone	<i>Zeldox</i>	
	Zuclopenthixol	<i>Clopixol, Clopixol–Acuphase (injection with rapid release)</i>	
	Zuclopenthixol Decanoate	<i>Clopixol–Depot (injection with gradual release)</i>	
	Amisulpride	<i>Solian, Amipride</i>	
	Aripiprazole	<i>Abilify</i>	
	Droperidol	<i>Droleptan</i>	
	Paliperidone	<i>Invega</i>	
	Pericyazine	<i>Neulactil</i>	
<p><u>Atypical Antipsychotic medication</u></p>	Clozapine	<i>Clozaril, Clopine</i>	
	Olanzapine	<i>Zyprexa, Zydys</i>	
	Quetiapine	<i>Seroquel, Seroquel XR</i>	
	Risperidone	<i>Risperdal, Rispa, Ozidal, Rixadone</i>	

*N.B.: This handout is for general patient education only. If you are taking medication prescribed by a doctor, discuss with them any concerns you have about the medication. **Do not stop taking medication without talking to a doctor.** You are more likely to take your medication effectively when you understand why you are prescribed it and how the medication works, so discuss with your doctor every component of your treatment.*

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