

Medications Approved by the FDA for Treatment of Unipolar Depression

Medication Class	Medication	Brand Name	Common side effects	May interact with
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI)	Citalopram, Escitalopram, Fluvoxamine, Paroxetine, Fluoxetine, Sertraline, Vilazodone HCl	Celexa®, Lexapro®, Luvox®, Paxil®, Prozac®, Zoloft®, Vibryd®	Nausea, Insomnia, Sleepiness, Agitation, Sexual dysfunction	MAOI antidepressants, Tricyclic antidepressants, Alcohol, Anxiety medications, Blood thinning medications, Anticonvulsants, Heart medications
Norepinephrine and dopamine reuptake inhibitors (NDRI)	Bupropion	Wellbutrin®	Agitation, Insomnia, Anxiety, Dry mouth, Headache, Seizures are a danger when there are specific risk factors such as previous seizures, heart trauma, eating disorders, or abrupt stopping of alcohol, anxiety medications, or sleep medications.	MAOI antidepressants, Tricyclic antidepressants, Anxiety medications, Steroid medications, Anticonvulsants, Alcohol, Diabetes medications
Serotonin antagonist and reuptake inhibitor (SARI)	Trazodone Nefazodone	Desyrel®	Nausea, Dizziness, Sleepiness, Dry mouth, Constipation, Weight gain, Nefazodone can rarely cause serious liver damage.	Anxiety medications such as BuSpar or Ativan, MAOI antidepressants, Heart medications such as Lanoxin or Digitek, Sleep medications
Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI)	Venlafaxine Duloxetine Levomilnacipran	Effexor® Cymbalta® Fetzima®	Anxiety, Nausea, Dizziness, Sleepiness, Sexual dysfunction, Withdrawal symptoms when stopped abruptly	MAOI antidepressants, Stomach medications such as Tagamet
Noradrenergic and specific serotonergic antidepressant (NaSSA)	Mirtazapine	Remeron®	Sleepiness, Increased appetite, Weight gain, Dizziness, Dry mouth, Constipation	MAOI antidepressants, Alcohol, Anxiety medications
Serotonin Modulators	Vortioxetine	Brintellix®	Nausea, Constipation, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Dry mouth	MAOI antidepressants
Tricyclic (TCA), Tetracyclic	Clomipramine, Amitriptyline, Desipramine, Nortriptyline, Trimipramine, Imipramine, Protriptyline, Amoxapine, Maprotiline	Anafranil®, Elavil®, Norpramin®, Pamelor®, Surmontil®, Tofranil®, Vivactil®, Asendin®, Ludiomil®	Sleepiness, Nervousness, Dizziness, Dry mouth, Constipation, Urinary retention, Increased appetite, Weight gain, Low blood pressure, Sexual dysfunction, May be toxic if levels in blood get too high	Alcohol, Sleep medications, Allergy medications, Cold medications, Pain medications, Heart medications, Anxiety medications, Birth control pills, Anticonvulsants, Spasm or cramp medications
Monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)	Phenelzine, Tranylcypromine, Isocarboxazid, Selegeline	Nardil®, Parnate®, Marplan®, Emsam®	Dizziness, Dry mouth, Urinary retention, Sleep problems, Low blood pressure, Weight gain, Sexual dysfunction, Can cause dangerously high blood pressure if taken with the wrong food	Fatal interaction with some prescribed and over-the-counter medications including pain or cold medications, Foods containing tyramine, such as some cheeses, meats, or beans, Caffeine, Alcohol

Please note that these lists may not include all possible side effects or all possible interactions. You should thoroughly discuss all medication choices with your doctor.

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