

Epilepsy Education Everywhere

Epilepsy Medications

Brand Name	Generic	Potential* Adverse Reactions or Side Effects (some are rare)	Commonly Used For
Ativan	Lorazepam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Poor coordination ▪ Behavior changes ▪ Sleepiness ▪ Fatigue ▪ Unsteadiness 	
Banzel	Rufinimide		Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome
Carbatrol	Carbamazepine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Blurred or double vision ▪ Abnormal blood count (rare) ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Nausea ▪ Skin rashes 	Partial Seizures
Celontin	Methsuximide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irritability ▪ Appetite loss ▪ Rash ▪ Abnormal blood count (rare) ▪ Nausea ▪ Clumsiness ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Dizziness 	Absence Seizures
Depakene/ Depakote	Valproic Acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Menstrual irregularities ▪ Abdominal cramps ▪ Appetite change ▪ Hair loss ▪ Nausea 	Absence Partial Primary or Secondarily Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures
Diamox	Acetazolamide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appetite loss ▪ Frequent urination ▪ Numbness of extremities ▪ Kidney stones ▪ Confusion ▪ Drowsiness 	
Diastat	Diazepam Rectal Gel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Poor coordination ▪ Behavior change ▪ Sleepiness ▪ Fatigue ▪ Unsteadiness 	<i>Rescue Emergency Med</i> Tonic clonic seizures Partial Seizures
Dilantin	Phenytoin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Swollen gums ▪ Sleeplessness ▪ Nausea ▪ Rash ▪ Mild dizziness ▪ Constipation ▪ Vomiting 	Partial & Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures
Felbatol	Felbamate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fatigue ▪ Rare aplastic anemia, liver failure ▪ Insomnia 	Partial with Secondarily Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome
Gabitril	Tiagabine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most side-effects are CNS-related: ▪ Drowsiness, dizziness, lack of energy Can also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muscle weakness ▪ Abdominal pain ▪ Difficulty concentrating ▪ Nausea ▪ Tremulousness ▪ Nervousness 	Partial Seizures
Keppra	Levetiracetam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Somnolence ▪ Infection ▪ Asthenia ▪ Dizziness 	Partial Seizures
Klonopin	Clonazepam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Poor coordination ▪ Behavior changes ▪ Sleepiness ▪ Fatigue ▪ Unsteadiness 	
Lamictal	Lamotrigine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rash ▪ Headaches ▪ Dizziness ▪ Nausea 	Partial & Secondarily Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures Absence Seizures

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Mysoline	Primidone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breathing difficulty ▪ Change in vision ▪ Confusion ▪ Clumsiness 	Partial & Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness 	Febrile Seizures
Neurontin	Gabapentin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Unsteadiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Fatigue 	Partial & Secondarily Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures
	Phenobarbital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Depression ▪ Slurred Speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Rash 	Partial & Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures Febrile Seizures
Sabril	Vigabatrin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decreased/Blurred and or Changes in Vision ▪ Eye Pain ▪ Dizziness ▪ Abnormal Coordination ▪ Agitation ▪ Anxiety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abdominal Pain ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Confusion ▪ Clumsiness ▪ Diarrhea 	Infantile Spasms Refractory Simple and Partial Seizures
Tegretol	Carbamazepine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blurred vision ▪ Depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confusion ▪ Rash 	Partial & Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures
Tegretol XR	Carbamazepine (Extended Release)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Blurred or double vision ▪ Abnormal blood counts (rare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Nausea ▪ Skin rashes 	Partial Seizures
Topamax	Topiramate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Somnolence ▪ Speech disorders ▪ Psychomotor slowing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Ataxia ▪ Parasthesia 	Partial Seizures Tonic Clonic Seizures
Tranxene	Clorazepate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clumsiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness 	Absence
Trileptal	Oxcarbazepine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cognitive symptoms ▪ Difficulty concentrating ▪ Coordination problems ▪ Nausea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dizziness ▪ Fatigue ▪ Double vision ▪ Sleepiness 	Partial Seizures.
Valium	Diazepam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Poor coordination ▪ Behavior changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sleepiness ▪ Fatigue ▪ Unsteadiness 	
Vimpat	Lacosomide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness 		Partial Seizures
Zarontin	Exthosuximide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nausea ▪ Stomach Cramps ▪ Fatigue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vomiting ▪ Appetite Loss 	Absence
Zonegran	Zonisamide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loss of appetite ▪ Dizziness ▪ Agitation/irritability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowsiness ▪ Headache ▪ Nausea 	Partial Seizures Tonic Clonic Seizures

*** IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Side effects, some of which are quite rare, are individual to each person.
- This table is not a comprehensive or complete list of all of the possible side effects or the uses of medications to control seizures, but meant as a general overview.
- Those who care for or are responsible for individuals with seizures in their home, school, clinic, day-care facility, hospital, college or residential facility should obtain more specific information about the medication(s) used by those in your care.
- Readers are encouraged to obtain other published, scientific information about these medications and their uses.
- Some of these medications are also prescribed for other purposes and in other age groups not included on this list. That is a decision of the treating physician.
- This table is provided as a service and should not be used to make decisions about treatment.