

Anti-depressant Medications

Sometimes referred to as tricyclic drugs, these drugs affect the symptoms associated with depression by adjusting the levels of neurotransmitters in the brain such as dopamine, serotonin and epinephrine. These medications are usually prescribed when the treatment of the condition is considered long term. Doctors do not usually like to use such powerful tricyclic antidepressants for short term or transitory depression.

These medications tend to elevate the individual's mood, improve sleep patterns, increase energy levels and physical activity and restore perception to a more positive level.

In the case of some antidepressants, once the doctor feels comfortable with the levels of medication attained, he/she may prescribe a single dose at night, a practice called night-loading.

Medication	Generic Name
1. Adapin	doxepin
2. Anafranil	clomipramine
3. Asendin	amoxapine
4. Aventyl	nortriptyline
5. Desyrel	trazadone
6. Elavil	amitriptyline hydrochloride
7. Endep	amitriptyline
8. Etrafon	perphenazine+ amitriptyline
9. Janimine	imipramine
10. Limbitrol	chlordiazepoxide & amitriptyline
11. Ludiomil	maprotiline
12. Marplan	isocarboxazid
13. Nardil	phenelzine
14. Norpramin	desipramine
15. Pamelor	nortriptyline
16. Pertofrane	desipramine
17. Parnate	tranylcypromine
18. Prozac	fluoxetine
19. Sinequan	doxepin
20. Surmontil	trimipramine
21. Tofranil	imipramine
22. Vivactil	protriptyline
23. Wellbutrin	bupropion
24. Zoloft	sertraline

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