

# Anti-Seizure Medications

GENERIC	BRAND NAME	COMMON USES	POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS (the majority of individuals do not experience side effects)
acetazolamide	Diamox® Sequels®	Various seizure types	Appetite loss, frequent urination, drowsiness, confusion, numbness of extremities, kidney stones
brivaracetam	Briviact®	Focal seizures	Dizziness, sleepiness, fatigue, mood changes
carbamazepine	Tegretol®, Carbatrol®, Tegretol® XR, Equetro®	Focal and generalized seizures	Dizziness, drowsiness, blurred or double vision, nausea, skin rashes, abnormal blood counts (rare)
clobazam	Onfi™	Various seizure types	Fatigue, lethargy, insomnia, unsteadiness, changes in behavior, changes in appetite
clonazepam	Klonopin®	Various seizure types	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
clorazepate	Tranxene®	Various seizure types	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
repository corticotropin injection	HP Acthar® Gel	Epileptic spasms	Insomnia, weight gain, irritability, fluid retention, increased appetite
diazepam	Diastat Acudial™, Valium®	Various seizure types (not for daily, long-term use, but to stop episodes of prolonged or cluster seizures)	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
divalproex sodium	Depakote®, Depakote ER®, Depakote® sprinkles	Various seizure types	Upset stomach, altered bleeding time, liver toxicity, hair loss, weight gain, tremor
eslicarbazepine acetate	Aptiom®	Focal seizures	Dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, headache, double-vision, vomiting, fatigue, and loss of coordination, rash
ethosuximide	Zarontin®	Absence seizures	Appetite loss, nausea, drowsiness, headache, dizziness, fatigue, rash, abnormal blood counts (rare)
felbamate	Felbatol®	Various seizure types	Anorexia, vomiting, insomnia, nausea, headache, liver and blood toxicity
gabapentin	Neurontin®, Gralise™, Horizant®	Focal seizures	Sleepiness, dizziness, clumsiness, fatigue, twitching, fluid retention, weight gain
lacosamide	Vimpat®	Various seizure types	Dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, double vision, unsteadiness, fatigue, tremor
lamotrigine	Lamictal®, Lamictal®ODT™, Lamictal XR®	Various seizure types	Dizziness, headache, blurred vision, clumsiness, fatigue, tremor, nausea, skin rash
levetiracetam	Keppra®, Keppra XR®	Various seizure types	Behavior changes, irritability, fatigue, dizziness, headache

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lorazepam	Ativan®	Various seizure types (not for daily, long-term use, but to stop episodes of prolonged or cluster seizures)	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes. Sometimes prescribed for epilepsy but not FDA-approved for that use.
oxcarbazepine	Trileptal®, Oxtellar XR™	Focal and generalized seizures	Dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, headache, double-vision, vomiting, fatigue, and loss of coordination, rash
perampanel	Fycompa®	Focal and generalized seizures	Dizziness, headache, fatigue, loss of coordination, irritability, aggressive behavior
phenobarbital	Phenobarbital	Various seizure types	Drowsiness, irritability, hyperactivity (children), behavioral problems, difficulty concentrating, depression
phenytoin	Dilantin®, Phenytek®	Focal and generalized seizures	Poor coordination, insomnia, fatigue, nausea, rash, gum overgrowth, hairiness, thickening of features
pregabalin	Lyrica®	Focal and generalized seizures	Sleepiness, dizziness, clumsiness, fatigue, tremor, fluid retention, weight gain
primidone	Mysoline®	Various seizure types	Clumsiness, dizziness, appetite loss, fatigue, drowsiness, hyperirritability, insomnia, depression, hyperactivity (children)
rufinamide	Banzel™	Various seizure types	Fatigue, vomiting, nausea, headache, poor coordination, dizziness, double vision
tiagabine	Gabitril®	Focal seizures	Nausea, dizziness, anxiety, insomnia, fatigue, tremor, difficulty with concentration
topiramate	Qudexy XR®, Topamax®, Trokendi XR™	Various seizure types	Confusion, sleepiness, dizziness, clumsiness, difficulty thinking or talking, tingling sensation of the skin, nausea, decreased appetite, kidney stones
valproic acid	Depakene®, Stavzor®	Various seizure types	Upset stomach, altered bleeding time, liver toxicity, hair loss, weight gain, tremor
vigabatrin	Sabril®	Focal and epileptic spasms	Visual issues, abnormal MRIs, fatigue, poor coordination, weight gain, behavioral changes
zonisamide	Zonegran®	Various seizure types	Sleepiness, dizziness, decreased appetite, headache, nausea, irritability, difficulty concentrating, unsteadiness, kidney stones, rash (should not be used in individuals allergic to sulfa drugs)