

Medications for Adult Depression

Tricyclics

- Amitriptylene (Elavil, Endep)
- Imipramine (Tofranil)
- Clomipramine (Anafranil)
- Nortriptyline (Pamelor)
- Desipramine (Norpramin)
- Protriptylene (Vivactil)
- Doxepin (Sinequan)
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)

Indicators: Depressive disorders, panic disorder

Possible side effects:

- Drowsiness
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Blurred vision (often diminishes in 1-2 weeks)
- May cause weight gain

MAO Inhibitors:

- Isocarboxazid (Marplan)
- Phenelzine (Nardil)
- Tranclypromine (Parnate)

Indicators: Depressive disorders that do not respond well to other antidepressants

Possible side effects:

- Low blood pressure
- Drowsiness, constipation
- Dizziness
- Rash

Medications for Adult Depression (continued)

SSRI's (Selected Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)

- Citalopram (Celexa)
- Paroxetine(Paxil)
- Fluoxetine (Prozac)
- Sertraline (Zoloft)
- Fluvoxamine (Luvox)
- Venlafaxine (Effexor)

Indicators:

- Depression
- Panic disorder
- OCD – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Bulimia
- Social phobia
- PTSD – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- PMS – Premenstrual Dysphoria
 - Borderline personality disorder

Possible side effects:

- Fewer side effects than other antidepressants
- More likely to depress libido

Others:

- Bupropion (Wellbutrin) - Less likely to depress libido
- Trazodone (Desyrel) - Decreases insomnia
- Nefazodone (Serzone) - Faster acting than others